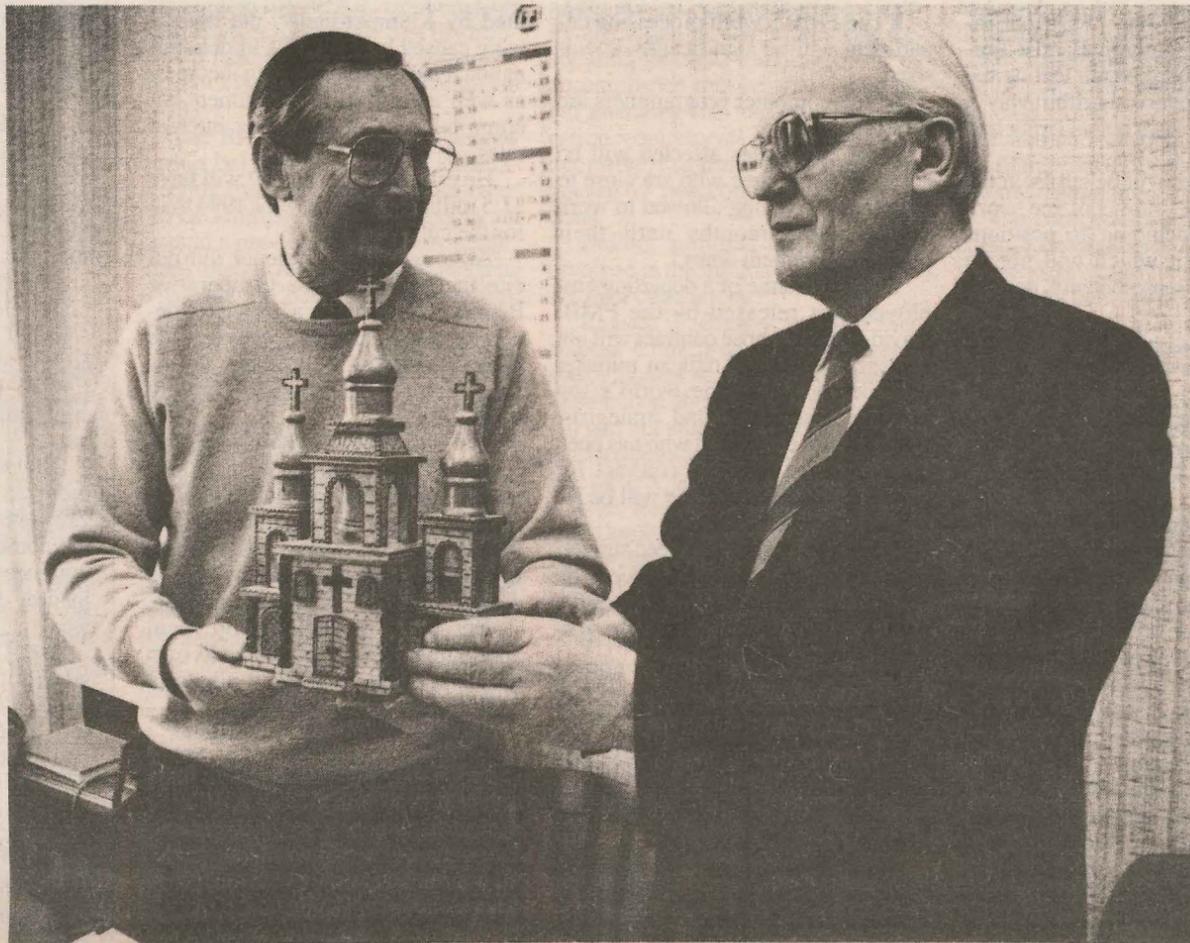


FOR THE RECORD

FMB layoffs
Due to declining income, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has eliminated 38 positions at its Richmond, Va., headquarters. See page 2.

"Compromise" rejected
A motion described as a compromise between moderates and conservatives within the Kentucky Baptist Convention on two controversial issues was rejected by the KBC's Executive Board last week. See page 3.

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PARTNERS, FRIENDS Vasily Logvinenko (right), president of the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of Russia, presents a replica of a Russian church to William Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, to commemorate the beginning of a partnership between the two groups. The church was built by inmates in a Soviet prison.

City church revived from near death

By Jim Robinson
State Correspondent

LOUISVILLE—Apathy almost closed the doors at Louisville's North 42nd Street Baptist Church three years ago, but now anticipation of what God will do next is what keeps the doors open.

Pastor John Franklin is quick to give God the credit for the church's turnaround. "Things have happened here that only God could do," he said.

Though physical improvements have been made and new members added, it is God's continued working at the small west-end church that stokes the fires of Franklin's faith.

Originating out of a tent revival in 1949, North 42nd Street Church began dwindling in numbers during the 1960s. The surrounding neighborhood became a transitional, bi-racial area, and the church was gradually cut off from those who lived around it.

At the death of the previous pastor in 1990, a family of three remained as the only attending members. Serious consideration was given to abandoning the church altogether before the family opted to give it one more chance at life.

They called on Long Run Baptist Association for guidance, and Franklin assumed the pastorate shortly thereafter.

"I never felt 'called' to be a pastor, but I heard God say to go to North 42nd Street," Franklin said. "I went because he said to go, and I've never second-guessed him."

Home Mission Board consultant Henry Blackaby helped give Franklin his vision for the church. Blackaby advised getting out of the way and letting God work to the extent that the result could only be ascribed to him.

To that end, Franklin made a decision to live by faith. Drawing only a token weekly salary from the church, he has helped support himself with part-time grocery and painting jobs.

Stepping out on faith, the church over-extended itself several hundred

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SPECIAL REPORT

This week's Recorder includes a special eight-page pull-out section on the partnership between Kentucky Baptists and Russian Baptists. See pages 9-16.

We're going to Russia!

By Marv Knox
Editor

CEDARMORE—Kentucky Baptists will join hands with Baptists in Russia, thanks to a ministry partnership approved last week by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Executive Board.

The board endorsed the partnership with the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of Russia, recommended by KBC Executive Secretary-Treasurer William Marshall in an emotional presentation.

It quickly moved forward with the arrangement, adding a second full-time staff member to partnership efforts and agreeing to send \$20,000 to aid the building projects of the Russian Baptist union's 10 most-needy congregations.

"The needs are staggering," Marshall told the board, describing challenges uncovered in two recent trips to Russia.

"A partnership with Kentucky Baptists could have a very significant impact on the Russian Baptists' attempts to reach their country. It also could have an impact on Kentucky Baptists for my lifetime and yours.

"The hand of the Lord is opening a door to us as a people. What shall we say?" Marshall asked. His voice cracked and his eyes watered. He paused for a moment and shook his head before recommending that the KBC take up the partnership "as soon as possible."

KBC President Charles Stewart declared the vote unanimous.

Later in the meeting, the board voted to name Benton Williams, director of the KBC missions division, as director of partnership missions, with full-time attention to be devoted to the Russia-Kentucky ministry.

In his new post, Williams will report directly to Marshall. He will work alongside Partnership Coordinator Calvin Wilkins, who will provide leadership for the KBC's other partnerships in Ohio, Utah-Idaho and eastern Kentucky and assist with the Russia effort.

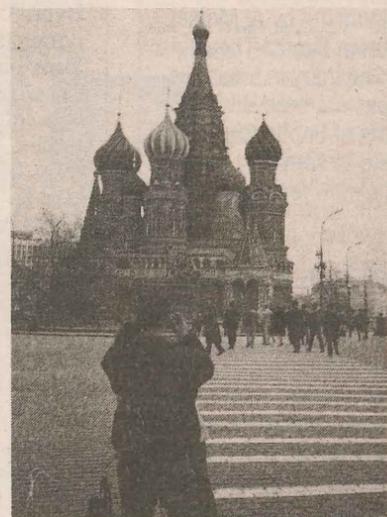
The changes are necessary to get the Russia partnership off the ground, Marshall said. The details of launching such an effort—in a massive country, long dominated by communism, where missionaries are brand-new and infrastructures are weak—are almost overwhelming, he added.

The arrangement is to stay in effect until Williams' retirement Aug. 31, 1995. Then the partnership office will become a department in the missions and evangelism division.

Williams' move creates an opening in the missions and evangelism division. Marshall predicted a division director will be elected by the Executive Board in December.

Technically, the partnership will begin in January 1994 and last at least through 1998. But in an effort to show good faith and to move forward, Kentucky Baptists are expected to send medical/dental and church construction teams this fall.

In the future, Kentucky Baptists will supply help with ministerial education and evangelism/discipleship.



FAMILIAR SIGHT St. Basil's Cathedral, symbol of religion in Russia, stands on Red Square in Moscow next to the Kremlin, symbol of the Soviet Union.



OPEN DOORS Pastor John Franklin stands in the still-open doors of North 42nd Street Baptist Church in Louisville with two area children. (Photo by Buddy Harrell)

BAPTISTS

FMB releases 27 people, cuts 38 jobs

RICHMOND, Va. (ABP)—Employees at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board began feeling the sting of a budgetary shortfall May 5 when administrators began firing and retiring 27 people.

In all, 38 jobs will be cut from the Richmond, Va., home office work force of 465, including 10 positions currently vacant which will not be filled. The cuts represent an 8 percent staff reduction.

The FMB refused to release the names of employees being let go or to name the exact positions they held. Official statements reported only that the fired employees included 14 support-level and 13 management-level workers.

When pressed by the Western Recorder for further explanation, an FMB spokesman who asked not to be named said the cutbacks generally touched on these areas:

■ The missionary enlistment department, which included eight employees, will be dissolved. Management-level employees from that area are being transferred to other positions. This department's work focused on finding people who might have been called by God to be missionaries but haven't responded.

■ Three volunteer programs of non-missionary ministries are to be eliminated. They are Baptists Living Abroad, Tentmaker and CEO.

■ The FMB's word processing department will be significantly downsized.

■ Four computer programmers are being released.

Most employees affected will be let go June 1. Three who are close to retirement are allowed to work several more months until their planned retirement dates.

Only one name of a departing employee was released by the FMB. David Barrett, whose contract will not be renewed, is an Anglican minister considered one of the world's top missions researchers and strategists. Barrett, 65, a consultant who has been under a twice-renewed contract for eight years, said May 5 he will be retiring at the end of the year.

Barrett's research has been strategic in redirecting the FMB's focus on "World A," the portion of the world's people who never have heard the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Don Kammerdiener, the FMB's interim president, said in a memo to trustees that, with the layoffs, the board can reduce staff salaries and expenditures by more than \$1 million per year. Stateside salaries cost the FMB \$15.5 million a year.

Kammerdiener said the cuts will be accompanied by reductions in the overseas budget. Those overseas cuts have yet to be identified, he added.

According to a staff memo distrib-

uted by Kammerdiener, the layoffs were caused by shortfalls in denominational and special offering incomes, as well as a drop in investment income because of declining interest rates.

He estimates the agency will have \$1.5 million less money for 1994 than for the current year.

Although Kammerdiener did not cite the growth of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship as a reason for declining gifts to the FMB, critics of the moderate-backed Fellowship say its growing missions program is hurting FMB efforts.

The Atlanta-based Fellowship received \$7.5 million in contributions from Baptists last year and is expected to approach the \$10 million mark in receipts for 1993 after hiring former FMB President Keith Parks to direct its fledgling missions program. But its fledgling missions spent approximately \$1.3 million on its own missions effort in 1992, it also sent \$1.8 million to the FMB.

According to Kammerdiener's memo, those being fired are being given three- to six-month severance packages, depending on years of service, that include full salary and insurance and pension payments. Fired employees also will receive lump-sum payments for unused vacation time and out-placement counseling assistance.

8 Kentuckians among names for trustees

NASHVILLE (BP)—Eight Kentuckians are among 240 people nominated to serve as new or returning trustees of Southern Baptist Convention agencies, institutions and commissions.

The Committee on Nominations released the nominations April 29. The names will be voted by messengers during the June 15-17 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston.

Biblical beliefs and commitment to the Southern Baptist Convention were two key factors the committee used in selecting nominees, according to the chairman of the 70-member committee.

Joe Atchison, director of missions for the Northwest Baptist Association in Bentonville, Ark., told Baptist Press May 3 the committee "carried on in the tradition of (nominating) people who believe in an inerrant Bible."

"And we did not feel that those who support the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship should serve on a board," Atchison said. The Fellowship is an organization of Baptists formed in 1991 in opposition to the conservative direction of the SBC.

Kentuckians up for consideration are:

■ Terry Norris, a dentist from Owensboro, nominated to a second term on the SBC Executive Committee.

■ Charles Gresham, pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Central City, nominated to a second term on the Foreign Mission Board.

■ John Rice, president of Manchester Grocery and a member of Manchester Baptist Church in Manchester, nominated to a first term on the Sunday School Board.

■ Clark Brown, pastor of Grapevine Baptist Church in Madisonville, nominated to a first term on the Annuity Board.

■ Charles Barnes, executive vice president of First National Bank and member of Clifton Baptist Church in Louisville, nominated to fill an unexpired term on the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary board.

■ John Hicks, a Louisville attorney, nominated to a second term on Southern Seminary's board.

■ Claude Witt, executive director of the Temperance League of Kentucky and member of Farndale Baptist Church in Louisville, nominated to fill an unexpired term on the Christian Life Commission.

■ Wyman Copass, pastor of Yellow Creek Baptist Church in Owensboro, nominated to a second term on the Radio & Television Commission.

BAPTIST BITS

■ **SBC committees named.** Southern Baptist Convention President Ed Young has named members to the committee on committees and resolutions committee to serve during this June's annual meeting.

C.B. Hogue, executive director of the California Southern Baptist Convention, was named chairman of the committee on committees, which nominates members for all special committees. The Kentuckians serving with Hogue will be Conley Chism from Shively Baptist Church in Louisville, and Stephen Ross from Vine Grove Baptist Church in Vine Grove.

James Merritt, pastor of First Baptist Church in Snellville, Ga., will chair the resolutions committee. Others on that committee include Ronnie Floyd, pastor of First Baptist Church in Springdale, Ark.; Jim Wells, pastor of Oakwood Baptist Church in Kansas City, Mo.; Charles Sullivan, executive director of the Indiana Baptist Convention; Robert Reccord, First Baptist Church of Norfolk, Va.; Timothy George, dean of the Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.; Andrew Cheung, Orange County Chinese Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif.; Dave Stillie, Seaman Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan.; Ben Rowell, Rogers Baptist Church in Rogers, Ark.; and Joel Gregory, former pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas.

■ **Mercer considers divinity school.** Mercer University may start its own divinity school if a study now underway proves the project feasible. Mercer trustees agreed April 15 to conduct the study at the request of Baptist pastors in Georgia. Mercer President Kirby Gossy will appoint a committee which will bring

a report to the trustees' next meeting in December.

The request for a divinity school came from a group of Georgia pastors, represented by Ches Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church of Tifton.

If approved, Mercer's divinity school would be located either at the main campus in Macon or in Atlanta, where the university operates a graduate center for 1,600 students.

■ **25,000 projected at SBC.** Lee Porter, registration secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention, predicts a registration of 23,500 to 25,000 messengers at the June 15-17 annual meeting in Houston. With spouses, visitors and guests added in, total attendance could approach 30,000, SBC officials said.

■ **India volunteers needed.** Churches in India want 400 Southern Baptist volunteers to help them mark the bicentennial of pioneer missionary William Carey's arrival in India with evangelistic crusades in November. But so far, only about 100 volunteers have indicated serious interest. Despite reports of Hindu-Muslim religious violence in some parts of India, the need for Baptist volunteers is great, said Bill Peacock of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. For information, call Peacock at (800) 999-3113.

■ **Association amends stand.** The South Carolina Baptist association that voted in January to withdraw its invitation to Woman's Missionary Union Executive Director Dellanna O'Brien to speak at its annual meeting has amended that decision. Waccamaw Baptist Association's executive board had voted to

rescind the invitation because the pastor of the host church did not want a woman speaking from his pulpit and because some were concerned about WMU's fidelity to the Southern Baptist Convention. At an April 19 meeting, the executive committee voted to find a new site for the meeting and invite "a national WMU leader" to speak.

■ **CP up in April.** April gifts to the Southern Baptist Convention's unified missions budget, the Cooperative Program, were up nearly 2.5 percent over the same month last year. April gifts totaled \$11.87 million—\$200,000 above the monthly operating budget requirement.

■ **Richmond speaks on women.** The faculty of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond has endorsed women as ordained ministers serving in Baptist churches. The Virginia seminary's statement apparently was issued in response to comments by Al Mohler, president-elect of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Mohler has said he does not believe women should serve as pastors of Baptist churches and that women coming to seminary should be realistic about their job prospects after graduation.

■ **Historical Commission first.** The Southern Baptist Historical Commission elected its first African-American officer during its annual meeting April 26 in Nashville. Commissioners elected Theodore "Ted" Wilson, an attorney from Indianapolis, vice chairman. Marlene Hunt Rikard, the first woman trustee chair of a Southern Baptist Convention agency, presided over the meetings.

Executive Board rejects 'compromise' on BJC & CP

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

CEDARMORE—A proposal touted as a compromise between two Baptist factions was rejected by the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board, but a number of other initiatives were accepted unanimously during the board's May 3-4 meeting.

The board, which oversees the affairs of the KBC between annual convention sessions, held its spring meeting at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

Recommendations accepted unanimously included a five-year partnership with Russian Baptists, plans to build a new Baptist Student Union building at Northern Kentucky University, a one-time gift of up to \$50,000 to the Temperance League of Kentucky and details of the 1993-94 KBC budget.

The motion to "settle our differences and get on about God's business" was presented by Bob DeFoor, pastor of Harrodsburg Baptist Church in Harrodsburg, and M.A. Winchester, a layman from Whitley City. It called for two compromises, one to be made by moderates and the other to be made by conservatives.

The motion asked moderates to give up a previously approved plan for funding the Baptist Joint Committee through KBC channels. It asked conservatives to allow moderate churches to retain full participation in the KBC by giving to the KBC, even if they don't give through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program.

After the conservative-controlled SBC removed the BJC from the national Cooperative Program budget in 1991, moderate Kentuckians who favor the BJC sought a way to keep giving to the religious liberty agency through the state convention. That was accomplished in November 1991, when messengers to the KBC annual meeting instructed the Executive Board to "find a way" to fund the BJC.

Last November, the Executive

Board approved a plan to establish an endowment for the BJC from unspent KBC budget funds. The first distribution of funds from that endowment to the BJC is scheduled for December 1993.

The BJC funding was challenged during last November's KBC annual meeting, but opponents did not have the two-thirds majority necessary to rescind a previous convention action. Plans already have been announced to challenge the BJC fund again at this year's convention.

The Cooperative Program funding issue included in DeFoor and Winchester's compromise motion also had been rejected by KBC messengers last November.

Some moderate churches dissatisfied with the direction of the SBC have begun diverting their missions giving through channels outside the Cooperative Program. The proposal would have allowed them to achieve full representation of messengers to KBC annual meetings by giving undesignated monies directly to the KBC without passing any on to the SBC.

Creating a compromise on the two volatile issues had been suggested in a December 1992 editorial by Marv Knox in the Western Recorder. Although acting independently, Winchester and DeFoor said they concurred with the editorial.

In presenting the motion, Winchester warned the Executive Board that the division that has ripped the SBC since 1979 is "beginning to happen in the Kentucky Baptist Convention."

He called for the board to set an example as peacemakers who "love each other despite our differences."

"How can we have compassion for the lost when we can't have any compassion for each other?" Winchester asked.

The Executive Board does not have authority to enact the proposals in the compromise motion. However, the board could have recommended the actions to the full convention.

During debate, John Dunaway, pastor of First Baptist Church in Corbin, noted that created a problem. Rescinding the BJC funding could be accomplished by one vote, he noted, but changing the messenger-qualification requirements related to the Cooperative Program would take approval by two consecutive conventions.

DeFoor admitted that was a risk involved in the motion but asked, "Do we trust one another?"

Richard W. Bridges, pastor of First Baptist Church in Bowling Green, spoke against the motion. He said he appreciated the spirit of the motion but was not willing to compromise his convictions about the type of perspective the BJC gives to church-state separation issues. The SBC Christian Life Commission, which replaced the BJC in the Cooperative Program budget, holds a different view, he indicated.

Bridges also said he did not want to compromise his convictions about the Cooperative Program by circumventing cooperative giving as a test for messenger qualification.

Further, adopting this compromise would not bring peace, Bridges said. "Peace does not happen by votes. Peace happens by prayer and working together."

DeFoor responded that the motion would allow the Executive Board to "demonstrate we know what peace and healing are about."

"If not here, where?" he asked. "If not now, when?"

The compromise proposal failed by a vote of 40-29. Devout supporters of both the moderate and conservative positions appeared to vote against the idea.

In other action, the board approved plans to construct a new Baptist Student Union building at Northern Kentucky University. Money for the \$650,000 project is to come from designated capital funds already in hand and proceeds from the sale of the current building.

The board also approved a recom-

mendation from the business and finance committee that a \$25,000 endowment be established from KBC funds unspent at year-end to benefit the Temperance League of Kentucky. An additional \$25,000 would be available on a matching basis for every dollar raised by the Temperance League from other sources.

The grant does not place the Temperance League in the KBC budget. It is intended to provide incentive for the anti-alcohol and drug agency to generate additional support from churches and individuals, the committee report noted.

The board also appointed a committee to study the possibility of constructing an addition to the Baptist Building in Louisville. The addition would house the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, KBC archives, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union and the Western Recorder, all of which currently are housed in the Baptist Building.

These four agencies need more space, and the KBC staff needs the space that would be vacated in the move, board members were told.

Several committee members noted that the project could be done without incurring any debt, due to the availability of designated capital funds.

The building committee is to report back to the Executive Board in December either with a recommendation to move forward or not to do the project.

The board also:

- Granted \$5,000 to Hopkinsville College of the Bible.

- Raised the maximum limit for new church construction loans from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

- Approved KBC participation in the 1995 "Here's Hope: Share Jesus Now" evangelism effort sponsored by the SBC Home Mission Board.

- Named a committee to evaluate the formula by which KBC schools receive funding from the state budget.

- Approved a detailed statement for the \$19.5 million KBC operating budget in 1993-94.

BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **Cumberland College** will hold commencement ceremonies May 15 at 10 a.m. on campus with Neal Malicky, president of Baldwin-Wallace College, as speaker. Peter Kleist, a business executive and builder and supporter of education, will be awarded the honorary doctor of laws degree.

■ **Religious cults** will be the topic of an evening course taught at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College on Mondays and Thursdays through June 4 by Robert Oldham, adjunct professor. For information, call (606) 337-3196.

■ **Women's volleyball** will be offered for the first time next year at Campbellsville College, according to Don Bishop, athletics director. Head coach will be Perri "Grover" Warren, a 1985 and 1990 graduate of Campbellsville College who currently teaches at Taylor County High School.

■ **Clear Creek Baptist Bible College** has received \$14,372 from the Zinngabe Charitable Foundation for installation of a student computer lab. Also, Alva Richardson of Campbellsville has established the Harry and Alva Richardson Scholarship Trust at the college, the school's second-largest named scholarship fund. Mrs. Richardson also has provided funds in memory of her husband to complete a student apartment in a new housing project.

Wilkinson is seminary's fourth administrator to resign

By Marv Knox
Editor

LOUISVILLE—David Wilkinson has resigned after more than six years as vice president for seminary relations at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Wilkinson is the fourth administrator to step down since March 26, when trustees elected Al Mohler to succeed Roy Honeycutt as seminary president.

Provost Larry McSwain was elected president of Shorter College in Rome, Ga. Milburn Price, dean of the school of church music, will become chair of the music department at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. Bill Rogers, dean of the school of Christian education, will return to full-time teaching duties.

"In the context of dramatic changes at Southern Seminary, Melanie (his wife) and I believe this decision

comes at an opportune time for the seminary's new administration and for us," Wilkinson said.

"This decision was made without regrets but with an overwhelming sense of grief. For me, Southern Seminary has consistently represented the best of what it means to be a Baptist Christian, and my prayer is that the seeds of this precious heritage will continue and find fertile ground in Baptist life."

Wilkinson declined to link his resignation directly to dissatisfaction with Mohler's election and subsequent turmoil at the seminary, but he added, "I think it's best for the nature and timing of my departure to speak for themselves."

Although he did not announce what he will do next, Wilkinson has been mentioned as a possibility to fill several vacant posts in Baptist life.

"Regardless of the pain of this decision, Melanie and I are hopeful

about prospects for the future," he said. "There have been a number of conversations in recent months about other opportunities for ministry."

The one mentioned most consistently by Baptist observers has been the assistant directorship of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, a coalition of moderate Southern Baptists.

Wilkinson declined to confirm or deny the story. But he added: "Some conversations with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship have taken place. Anything more specific at this point would be presumptuous and premature on my part."

The son of a Southern Baptist minister, Wilkinson, 38, has been educated by Baptists and has worked for Southern Baptists his entire adult life.

He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, earned a master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary and is completing work toward a doctor of ministry degree at the Louisville school.



Wilkinson

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Don't stop

How grateful we all should be, now that we know all the facts, fallacies, heresies and satanic leanings that are embedded in the teachings and practices of those hypocritical Masons!

I trust that this divinely appointed committee of the Home Mission Board will not stop now. How about the Eastern Star, the Rotarians, the Fraternal Order of Police or maybe even the Catholics, the Presbyterians and on and on?

May God help us.

*Don Meloon
Ballardsville*

Thanks for help

In the spring every year, hundreds of students from across Kentucky meet and are trained for leadership in their Baptist student unions in a summer of mission work. It is our leadership training weekend, and this year's was undoubtedly one of the finest. I want to thank all who worked hard to make this successful.

Those on the leadership training committee are Don Blaylock, director student work; Rick Howerton, campus minister, Western Kentucky University; Keith Inman, campus minister, Murray State University; Tommy Johnson, campus minister, Campbellsville College; Rick Trexler, campus minister, Eastern Kentucky University; Jeff Dixon, campus minister, Henderson Community College; Tracy Smith, campus minister intern, Campbellsville; Mary Beth Carlisle, campus minister intern, Western; Stephanie Robinson, campus minister intern, Murray State.

A special thank-you goes to First Baptist Church of Madisonville. Rodney Vincent, minister of administra-

tion and education, and Jim McMurtree, minister of youth and music, were instrumental in helping with everything from room setup to running the sound system.

Another thank-you goes to all those that helped in the training and worship services. A short list begins with William Marshall, who gave the charge to our missionaries, and Kevin Sigsby, a home missionary in Utah. Many others led seminars; my thank-you goes out to them.

*C. Bryant Rudolph, campus minister
Owensboro*

God calls all

Having been brought up in a Christian home by parents who knew and loved the Lord, I was taught to respect those called by God to preach the gospel and lead the lost to Christ.

Not one time was I told these people were just to be men.

As a born-again child of God, I believe the Bible is truly inspired. I further believe God calls and uses all of his children, not just men.

I listen with horror to our religious leaders who preach it is OK for women to teach Sunday school, sing in the choir, lead in missions, work in the nursery or serve on kitchen committees. It is even OK for deacons to be custodians, but not as deacons, and, man forbid, as ministers.

If this is true, then why did Jesus appear first to Mary Magdalene and tell her to go and tell his followers he had risen? And why were Deborah, Priscilla and Lydia called by God to serve in a time when women were to be seen, but not heard.

I am appalled that anyone could question God's calling to the ministry any man or woman. My Bible tells me that God will judge all of us. He

further tells us, "Judge not, lest ye be judged, for with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged."

Are our leaders so confident of their calling they can cast doubts on the calling of others?

*Margaret Durham
Louisville*

Thanks for Masons

An article about how the Freemasonry issue split a church (WR, April 20) prompts me to write.

I am 65, a Southern Baptist, and for 42 years the wife of a Mason and proud of it.

I know many Masons who are devout Christians and some Masons who are not Christians. But I don't know one Mason who believes being a Mason will get him into heaven.

I wrote the Home Mission Board for their study on Freemasonry. I hope to get a copy of James Holly's findings. I plan to read Pat Robertson's book, "The New World Order." I have just finished reading "Pilgrim's Path: One Man's Road to the Masonic Temple." I hope every Mason will read it.

Holly says he believes in the inerrancy of Holy Scripture. Praise the Lord, so do I. But I take issue with his belief in the inerrancy of his own interpretation of Scripture. Whatever interpretation of the priesthood of the believer? Are our Southern Baptist leaders going to accept what Holly says as gospel? I pray not. I know I'm not.

With God's help, I have been making decisions for the many years I have been a Baptist. And it is with God's help that I will go on making decisions.

I thank God for sending his Son to shed his blood for my sins, and with all my heart I thank God for Masons.

*Rebecca J. Young
Webbville*

Railroad to Russia

Travel articles I have read for years indicate that a trip across Russia on the Trans-Siberian railroad is an unforgettable journey.

Since I will never climb the Matterhorn or swim the treacherous Hellespont, the relative modesty of this train ride, however uncomfortable, has always had an appeal for this traveler. "Maybe someday," I say to myself.

For me, however, a journey much more meaningful and less self-indulgent lies before me. And not just "me," but before all Kentucky Baptists who have an adventuresome, missions heart.

From our first exploratory journey to Russia in October '92 until the conclusion of the second journey this April, we have had the privilege of "laying track" for what may become the most demanding and rewarding overseas partnership yet to be undertaken by a state convention.

It takes a while to "lay track." For tracks need a solid foundation to support and facilitate the trains which run over them. Russia is a big place!

It was and will remain crucial that

the relationship with the leadership of the Russian Baptist Union (The Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of Russia) be solid and strong; that the trust be extended and nurtured. Thus, the lengthy and intensive time with outgoing Russian Baptist union President Vasily Logvinenko, and his nominated successor, Rev. Pyotr Konolvalchic, was the most crucial element in our recent visit.

We believe that Kentucky Baptists have friends in both of these strong leaders. Our agreements in "focus areas" of ministry arise from their perceived needs and our belief, founded on the experience of two prior partnerships, that we can help meet those needs.

We assured them that we would work through the union; not unilaterally with individual churches. This will not only provide us with Russian-based priority determination but will strengthen the union's ability to unify and provide leadership to the conglomerate of union Baptist churches there.

Because the needs are so great and because American evangelicals, including Baptists, are going there in waves, it is tempting for Baptists to act unilaterally with individual churches.

ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall



'Big church'

By Jewell Nelson

Q. How can I help my 4-year-old daughter be less restless in the worship service?

A. As sessions have extended sessions for preschoolers (who are naturally active). The extended sessions should be a continuation of "activity Bible teaching," experienced in Sunday school and discipleship training. Extended session materials are available from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

In order to minimize your daughter's restlessness in a worship service:

■ Be sure she gets a drink and goes to the restroom just before going into the worship service.

■ Sit where your child can see the choir, the preacher and the pulpit area.

■ Allow your daughter to bring some special items with her to help during her most restless times. A favorite book; plain paper, and three favorite colors of crayons; bendable chenille stems (better known as pipe cleaners) can help keep her attention away from restlessness.

■ Encourage your daughter to watch all the preliminary worship activities: the ushers helping people find places to sit; the organist or pianist; and those who share special music activities. Standing each time the congregation stands can be extra movement time for your preschooler.

■ If she is so inclined, allow your daughter to rest against you. Pat her back or arm to help her relax. Restlessness in a child can come from legs dangling. Help your daughter get comfortable, even if it means putting her feet on the pew.

■ Never say, as I heard recently, "Jesus is watching you, and he does not like the way you are acting." The tactic did not work, and such statements make Jesus the bad guy.

■ Preschoolers need to develop a good feeling about Jesus, God and the church. Make the worship service, which is not planned for preschoolers, as pleasant as you can for your daughter.

Be sure to commend your daughter on her good moments in church.

Jewell Nelson is associate director of the KBC's Sunday school department.

■ Send your questions about children, teens, marriage, singles or aging to "Family Forum," Western Recorder, Box 43969, Louisville, Ky. 40253.

A plea from Russian Baptists: 'Come and help us'

"Do you remember when Jesus was preaching alongside the Sea of Galilee, and the crowd was so great and pressed around him so tightly that he had to get in a boat to finish his sermon?" Vladimir Boyev asked.

Boyev talked from the back seat of a van. His audience was seven Americans—four Kentuckians, two Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board staff members and a missionary stationed in Moscow. They were touring parts of the mammoth Russian capital city, visiting sites where Baptists hoped to build, or had already started to build, churches. Churches are Boyev's passion. As director of the Russian Baptist union's home missions efforts, he's trying to start 1,000 Baptist congregations.

"Afterward, Jesus told Peter to go fish," Boyev continued, re-telling the ancient story. "But Peter already had been fishing and had no luck. Peter was confused. ... But he did what the Lord told him to do.

"Peter cast his nets right where Jesus told him to. And do you remember what happened next? His nets became so full of fish, he had to call out to another boat, 'Come and help us, before we sink!'"

Boyev paused for a moment. Waiting for his listeners to imagine the story. Waiting to deliver his punch line.

"We're Peter. You Kentucky Baptists are that other boat. We need you to come help us."

"The fields are white unto harvest," proclaimed Vasily Logvinenko, implementing yet another biblical metaphor to describe how Russia is open to the gospel. But Logvinenko, president of the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of Russia, worries that the best opportunity for evangelism—which developed immediately after communism fell apart—is slipping away. "It is true that after that very difficult period in our lives, we have now the door opened," he said. "And soon after this open time, many people were eager to listen to the Good News, to receive Christ. And now, even, there is less movement than we had before, at the beginning."

That means Baptists must act now, while they can, stressed Pyotr Konolvalchic, pastor of Ozerkii Baptist Church in St. Petersburg, who is expected to succeed Logvinenko when the longtime Russian Baptist leader retires this fall.

"There is a vast field for the evangelization of Russia," Konolvalchic said. "And now, the challenge which we have before us is to use this opportunity.

"The people are well aware of the negatives and positives of the Orthodox Church. And they come to the Baptists in order to see something new and to know the gospel and the Bible better. We are responsible to show Jesus Christ to people, ... and many people see the Baptists as those people on whom we can lay the hope for the spiritual renovation of Russia.

"The Orthodox people had an opportunity to show what they could do during the historical period of time," Konolvalchic added. "But now, many Russians have contacts with believers from other countries, and they would like to see the Protestants in Russia looking for what we can do for people. That is why a very great responsibility is laid upon us. This responsibility is laid not only upon us, but upon all Baptists in the

world. So we can be shown to the community as a people able to do something for the people. Otherwise, we fail."

Logvinenko and Konolvalchic's words speak to the urgency of the new partnership between the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Russian Baptists. Registered Russian Baptists number just 74,000 in a country of 148 million people. Most of them, especially the long-time Baptists, live on the lower end of the Russian economic scale. Characterized by the communists as members of a dangerous, unbalanced sect, many of them were denied access to significant education and employment in good jobs. Consequently, their resources are limited.

But the new Russia-Kentucky Baptist partnership will expand those resources. By joining forces, Baptists on three continents—Russia spans from eastern Europe all across Asia—will be able to do far more together than we could dream of doing alone.

Partnership projects are to include training pastors, church starters and Sunday school teachers; conducting evangelism/discipleship training programs; constructing church buildings; and operating medical/dental clinics. The projects have been selected in consultation with leaders of the Russian Baptist union, to ensure that the projects are the ones the Russians believe are most vital. As the partnership progresses, the Russian Baptists will prioritize the needs, helping Kentucky Baptists channel their work to the most pressing and important tasks.

During a recent visit to Russia, William Marshall, the Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive secretary-treasurer, told his hosts: "Russia is unbelievably large. We know we cannot meet all your needs. But we believe we can meet some of your needs." By agreeing to the partnership, Russian and Kentucky Baptists have agreed to meet those needs—together.

During that same visit, Logvinenko and Konolvalchic were asked what they would like to tell Kentucky Baptists. This is what they said:

"We are very thankful for the development of the partnership relations," Logvinenko stressed. "Our family is growing; we shall have more brothers and sisters whom we shall know. We shall be praying for them, and we hope they will pray for us.

"We wish for our brothers and sisters in Kentucky blessings from God. Let them remember that in our vast country there are people who are remembering them and praying for them and wish them God's abundant blessings. We shall meet our guests from Kentucky with great joy."

"The freedom we have now, God has sent as an answer to the prayers of our people and the prayers of people all over the world," Konolvalchic added. "Maybe Russia was the only one country for whom people prayed so zealously. And now, when we have such favorable days, all Christians are responsible to renovate the Christian life and to help in building the Christian faith.

"We feel as one body in Jesus Christ. And if part of the body suffers, so every part of the body suffers; and if one rejoices, so every one rejoices.

"As the Apostle Paul saw in one of his dreams about Macedonia, 'Come and help us!'"

Marv Knox

"There is a vast field for the evangelization of Russia," insists Pyotr Konolvalchic, a St. Petersburg pastor expected to become the next president of the Russian Baptist union. "And now, the challenge which we have before us is to use this opportunity. ... Come and help us."

This girl is not my daughter, but I feel a special kinship

She looked up, and her sky-blue eyes reminded me of someone familiar.

Very familiar. This child from a Russian suburb giggled and pointed, trying to make me understand what she was saying. And for a moment, her mischievous smile and those shining eyes transported me 6,000 miles home, to the company of our youngest daughter, Molly.

We were standing on an undeveloped lot, beside this child's home in a highrise apartment building near St. Petersburg. A cluster of Americans—four Kentuckians and two from the Foreign Mission Board—had come to see the place where Baptists hope to build a church.

It's a perfect spot. Plenty of acreage, with woods on one side and the highrises

on the other. Thousands of families within walking distance.

The area seemed vacant when we pulled up to inspect the lot. But somehow, we felt as if we were being watched. Children crept across the grounds of the apartments shortly after Calvin Wilkins, Kentucky Baptists' partnership coordinator, pulled out a video camera to record our survey.

Before you could say, "I don't speak Russian," a pack of kids was surrounding us, mostly

trying to convince Calvin to immortalize them on videotape.

I pulled out my camera to take their picture. Peering through a wide-angle lens, I looked directly into the little girl's eyes.

"You remind me of my daughter," I told her, looking up from my camera. Of course, she couldn't understand a word I was saying.

"What's the word for 'daughter?'" I asked new missionary Gloria De Leon. I fumbled through my wallet and pulled out Molly's

kindergarten picture.

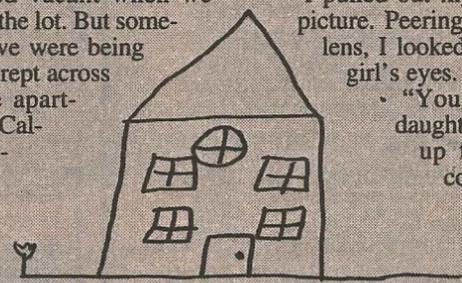
Gloria said the word—I think it sounded something like "dooksha"—and I repeated it after her, smiling at this bright-eyed child and pointing to Molly's picture.

She smiled at me, said something in Russian and giggled with her friends. Just then, several boys butted in, pointing to my camera and communicating clearly that they expected their picture to be taken.

I've thought about that little girl every day since we met on that sunny Russian vacant lot. I wonder if her daddy loves her as much as I love Molly. I'll bet he does.

I'm glad Baptists are going to build a church near their home, to tell them both about the Lord who loves them even more.

Marv Knox



down home

BRIEFS

■ **"The idea** of a social gospel was hatched in hell," the executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission told students at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. "There is only one gospel, a whole gospel for whole people that brings society under the sway of Jesus's principles and righteousness," Richard Land said during a visit to Southeastern's campus in Wake Forest, N.C.

■ **Alabama Gov. Guy Hunt**, forced from office after being convicted of an ethics violation, has received sympathy from an Alabama Baptist who played a prominent role in the case. Melvin Cooper, a member of East Memorial Baptist Church in Prattville, Ala., and executive director of the state's Ethics Commission, said he had prayed about the case as much as anyone. "I have a great deal of sympathy for Guy Hunt and his family, but I have been on the receiving end of hostility, too," he noted.

■ **Georgia Baptists** are gearing up for the 1996 summer Olympics to be held in Atlanta. Atlanta International Ministries '96 is looking for a director to lead Southern Baptist volunteers in a variety of outreach ministries such as Scripture distribution, sports camps, hospitality and emergency assistance.

Committee clears RFRA for Senate vote

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The Religious Freedom Restoration Act leaped its second major hurdle May 6 when the Senate Judiciary Committee cleared it for consideration by the full Senate.

The committee approved the measure by a 15-1 vote. The House Judiciary Committee previously approved the bill unanimously.

The bill (S. 578, H.R. 1308) would restore the high level of protection for religious practice virtually abandoned by the U.S. Supreme Court in its 1990 *Oregon vs. Smith* decision.

For three decades prior to *Smith*, the high court permitted government to interfere with religious practice only when it used the least restrictive means available to achieve a compelling interest, such as the health and safety of citizens.

In the *Smith* decision, the court reversed itself by holding that generally applicable laws that infringed on religious practice no longer had to meet the strict requirements of the "compelling interest" test.

While the Senate panel's vote was overwhelming, some senators indicated that they likely will attempt to amend the bill on the floor.

Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., who effectively killed RFRA by placing a

hold on the measure near the end of the last session, was the sole opponent of the bill in committee.

Emphasizing he did not oppose religious freedom, Simpson said he was concerned that RFRA could create problems in prisons by forcing administrators to accommodate prisoners' religious practice to the detriment of security and order. Others raised the same issue but voted for the bill, saying they might discuss the problem during floor debate.

The attorney general of Florida sent a letter to the committee expressing concern about RFRA's impact on the administration of prisons. The letter has been signed by 21 other state attorneys general.

Previously, the committee had delayed action because the U.S. Justice Department asked for time to review the legislation in light of the prison issue.

After reviewing the bill, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno repeatedly has affirmed her support of RFRA. In an April 30 address, she told members of the American Bar Association that she favors passage of the bill. But her strongest endorsement came in a May 5 letter to Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., committee chairman.

She urged "swift enactment" of the

bill without amendment.

In committee debate, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, asked a series of questions about the impact of RFRA, including whether or not the bill would protect the right of groups such as the Branch Davidians to abuse children under the guise of religious freedom.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and a chief co-sponsor of the bill, said child abuse would not be a protected form of religious practice because government has a compelling interest in protecting all its citizens.

Another issue briefly raised was whether RFRA would protect violent protests at abortion clinics. Once again, bill supporters said the compelling-interest test would protect public welfare and safety.

Hatch told Associated Baptist Press that he would fight any attempt to amend the bill on the floor.

On a related note, the Oliver Thomas, general counsel of the Baptist Joint Committee, was honored April 27 as a "champion of religious freedom" for his leadership in the effort to pass the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Of the five people honored by the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism, Thomas is the only person who is not a member of Congress.

Clinton meets gay leadership

WASHINGTON (BP)—Homosexual leaders expressed elation after meeting with President Bill Clinton in the White House, but opponents of homosexual rights described it as morally wrong and politically unwise.

In the first such meeting a president has had with homosexual leaders, Clinton reaffirmed his intention to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military.

"This meeting symbolized the entry of lesbian and gay people into the mainstream of American life," said Tom Stoddard, executive director of the Campaign for Military Service, "and it is the president of the United States who, through his moral leadership, permitted that to happen."

Others disagreed. "Clearly, 'moral leadership' is in the eye of the beholder," said Richard Land, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. "Most Southern Baptists would consider facilitating the entry of homosexuals into the mainstream as neither moral nor leadership."

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As we grew, we were shaped by mission education programs, largely handled by the WMU. The Brotherhood now works with our boys, but in earlier days, the RAs were taught by women, aided occasionally by a husband.

As adults, we have come to see the blessing that WMU has been. With the perspective of years, we can appreciate the past. But, with eyes opened to the present, we rejoice at the good that WMU does every day in our churches.

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Atheist's son, church-state experts differ on prayer

By Ken Camp
Texas Baptist Convention

DALLAS (BP)—Thirty years after his mother's court challenge of public school prayer and Bible reading, the son of atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair rues the far-reaching implications of the Supreme Court's school prayer rulings.

"God is out of the public school system," said Bill Murray, who is now an evangelist and a member of First Baptist Church in Carrollton, Texas.

"In the name of separation of church and state, we have seen the removal of all moral teachings whatsoever. Anything that could be considered part of the Judeo-Christian tradition of principles has been removed. It has resulted in terrible damage to the moral fiber of this country."

However, some church-state specialists say Murray places too much emphasis on the one Supreme Court case that involved him. It was a series of cases, not that one alone, that shaped American law on religion in the public schools, they assert.

Murray became a born-again Christian in 1980. He immediately generated national media attention with a letter to the Austin American-Statesman publicly apologizing for his role as a 16-year-old plaintiff in the public school devotions case. Murray soon launched the "Faith Foundation" educational organization and about two years later became a full-time evangelist.

Murray has scheduled a religious rally June 17 in the 12,000-seat Baltimore Arena to mark the 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision. He also is asking churches across the United States to hold simultaneous revival services or prayer vigils that evening to call America to "turn back to God."

Today, Murray refers to his mother's Austin-based American Atheist Center as a cult. Murray said O'Hair broke all ties with him when he began to reject his Marxist and atheistic upbringing, even before he became a

Christian.

Michael Whitehead, general counsel for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, agreed with Murray that a "moral and spiritual vacuum" has developed in public school policies as a direct result of strict church-state separation.

"Of course, the omnipresent God has not really been 'kicked out' of school. But with policies based on strict separationism, it just looks that way," Whitehead said. "Strict separationism tends to produce the same results as practical atheism when forced upon citizens serving as public officials."

But Murray claims more credit—or blame—than he is due, according to some advocates of church-state separation.

"Madalyn Murray O'Hair, in fact, could claim some credit for the school prayer decisions," said Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. "But the results were inevitable in that there already were deeply religious persons—as well as atheists like herself—who were poised to challenge publicly sponsored religious activities in the schools. She played a catalytic role to some degree, but without her the results would have been the same."

Oliver Thomas, general counsel for the Washington-based Baptist Joint Committee, maintains it is "nonsense" to say anyone can banish God from the public schools.

"No one has the authority to do that," Thomas said. However, he is quick to agree that some school officials have overreacted to the rulings by trying to avoid any religious expression in public schools.

"There is a difference between government speech and private speech," he said, drawing a clear distinction between state-sponsored religious exercises and student-initiated expressions of faith.

In 1962 the Supreme Court in *Engel vs. Vitale* ruled against state-composed school prayers in New York.

The next year, a case brought by Ed Schempp of Philadelphia, challenging Bible reading in Pennsylvania schools, reached the high court. At the same time, Murray's mother was challenging recitation of the Lord's Prayer and devotional Bible reading in Maryland public schools.

Consolidating the cases, the Supreme Court ruled in *Abington vs. Schempp* that state-sponsored religious devotions in public schools are unconstitutional.

While most Southern Baptists do not want public school children to be compelled to recite "a daily, mandatory prayer to a Brand-X God," Whitehead insisted they do want a less strict and absolutist separation of church and state.

"They support a more accommodating view of church-state separation whereby schools freely permit student-initiated, student-led religious expression both in and outside the classroom," he said.

According to Murray, there is "a direct correlation" between banning school prayers and the rise in crime, incidents of abortion and other social ills in the United States in the last three decades.

But that claim, according to Lynn, is a "nonsensical proposition" built on "the completely bogus use of statistics" based "not a whit on history or science."

"Murray ignores the fact that society has undergone a vast transformation in the last 20 to 30 years completely unrelated to the existence or non-existence of prayers in the public schools," he said.

Murray acknowledges the "couple of minutes" of devotions dispelled from morning activities in school classrooms were not that important in themselves. However, he said the Supreme Court prayer decisions have been used to enhance secularism and to squelch the free speech rights of Christians.

"Basic freedoms are being suppressed in the name of separation of church and state," Murray said, claim-

ing that periodicals advocating homosexual rights can be distributed freely in public schools but religious publications cannot.

Both Whitehead and Thomas agreed the Supreme Court prayer decisions have resulted in "a lot of misunderstanding" on the part of some school officials concerning the proper expression of religion in public schools.

"Religious freedom is still not adequately enjoyed by students and parents in America's schools today," Whitehead said. "Even good Christian teachers and administrators feel forced to keep all mention of God and the Bible out of public school curriculum and programs, for fear of a lawsuit by the ACLU or other strict separationists."

Thomas pointed to history textbooks that were purged of religious references and student-led religious groups that were denied equal access to meet on school grounds as examples of overreaction to the Schempp decision.

However, Thomas said, in recent years many of the misunderstandings have been corrected, in part through initiatives such as the Equal Access Act of 1984.

Beware 'valid religions,' statement warns

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The federal government should not use its investigation into the Branch Davidian tragedy as an occasion to define "valid religion," say many of the nation's religious and civil-liberties groups.

In a statement issued May 4, organizations including the National Association of Evangelicals, the National Council of Churches and the Baptist Joint Committee urged government to "resist any temptation to retreat" from the Constitution's guarantee of religious liberty.

The statement said it is appropriate for government to investigate what happened at the standoff in Waco, Texas, to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

But under the religious-liberty provisions of the First Amendment, "government has no business declaring what is orthodox or heretical, or what is a true or false religion," the statement asserts. "It should steer clear of inflammatory and misleading labels.

"History teaches that today's 'cults' may become tomorrow's mainstream religions."

The statement calls the nation's religious diversity a source of strength, not weakness.

"We must fend off the inclination to shrink from our commitment to religious pluralism or to seek security at the expense of liberty," the organizations said.

The statement recognizes that religious freedom is not absolute and cannot serve as an excuse for violent or criminal conduct that harms others or threatens public safety.

"Absent some compelling justification, however, government should not restrict religious exercise," the statement declares. "And force—if ever appropriate—must be employed as a last resort."

Other organizations signing the statement are the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A.; American Civil Liberties Union; the American Conference on Religious Movements; Americans United for Separation of Church and State; the Association of Christian Schools International; Church of Scientology International; the Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy; the Episcopal Church; First Liberty Institute; the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; the Greater Grace World Outreach; the Presbyterian Church (USA), Washington Office; and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

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Constitution day at Valley View Baptist Church in Pea Ridge came nearly 40 years after the mission was begun and included a surprise visit by the "tooth fairy."

Pea Ridge church constitutes

By Max Hester
State Correspondent

PEA RIDGE—After nearly 40 years of ministry, one major fire and a visit from the "tooth fairy," Valley View Baptist Mission in the Pea Ridge community of Estill County became Valley View Baptist Church in a constitution service March 7.

Sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church of West Irvine, Valley View began in the early 1950s with a tent revival. Paul White, pastor of Calvary from 1953-55, led the effort to start the mission. Arlon Davis, associational missionary of the Boones Creek Association at the time, also was instrumental in guiding the work.

The tent revival was such a success that services were continued each Sunday with Sunday school classes taught under shade trees. Colder weather, however, moved the services and classes into homes in the community; and, when Pearl Hawkins donated land for the new mission in October 1954, construction of a building began.

Over the years, additional classrooms were added as the mission work grew. In May 1986, tragedy struck when fire broke out in the attic late one Saturday night and caused major damage. Sunday services the next day were held outdoors, and the people of Valley View Mission committed themselves to rebuild. With the help of proper insurance coverages, the block building was totally overhauled with a new roof, wiring, pan-

eling and carpet throughout. Donnie Scoggins, the mission's first full-time pastor, guided the congregation through the building.

In the years after the fire, the mission became financially self-supporting. Thus, Gary Conner, Valley View's current pastor, led the congregation to officially constitute as a bonafide, autonomous Southern Baptist church with 62 charter members. The constitution service on March 7 was built around the themes of "Thanking God for our past," "Praising God for our present" and "Trusting God with our future."

Six-year-old Elizabeth Harrison likely will remember the day for many years to come, because she pulled her first tooth during the worship service. As she left the church, however, she dropped and lost the tooth.

Several people joined in the search for the tooth, but it was never found. But thanks to some quick-thinking action by Ray Whitaker, a deacon from Calvary, the little girl's sad and disappointed expression was changed to one of happy delight.

Whitaker directed her attention to what appeared to be a "bump" under the floormat just inside the church door. When she lifted the corner of the mat, she found a dollar. Wide-eyed with excitement, Elizabeth darted out the door—with the dollar in hand and convinced the "tooth fairy" had made a surprise visit to her new church, the Valley View Baptist Church of Estill County.

Louisville church saved from death

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dollars in 1991 in response to the Lord's call to host a vacation Bible school for area children. Before the check cleared, an unsolicited gift arrived by mail that more than covered everything.

Similarly, the small congregation recently saw the need for a van, prayed about it, and purchased one—before the financing was all in place. The van now belongs to the church.

The pastor is quick to acknowledge the ministries still left undone at the church. What is needed most right now is laborers, he said. With average worship attendance now in the 20s, Franklin is finally able to begin discipling those new in the faith—something he feels especially called to do.

For Franklin, the church is God's proving ground, and God has proved himself many times over, the pastor said.

"If things are not happening in a church that could only be God, then God must not be in that church," he said. "If a church is not attempting to walk by faith with God, then that church is not pleasing to God."

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There is an old adage which proclaims that before you seek to tell me what I should do, you need to walk a mile along the pathway that I walk. In a similar context our Lord advised us in Matthew 7:3-4 to remove the beam that is our own eye before we seek to remove the speck from the eye of our neighbor.

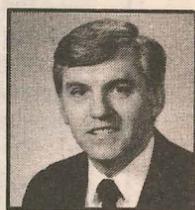
The bottom line is be very careful when you advise someone how to live their life, for you can never truly understand the other person.

As I have sought to understand the art of counseling, I have become convinced that counseling is not telling someone what they should do. Most of the time the person seeking counseling is seeking just that. They want someone else to make the decision for them. If it is not the right one they can always blame the counselor. Or perhaps more realistically, the decisions are too hard to make.

Counselors never can know all a person thinks or their exact situation. Even if they could, by making a decision or offering advice, all they have done is make the person dependent upon them. Good counseling is helping the person look at their own life. It involves sorting

out what at times are painful experiences from the past which are hindering the person today. It is helping the person to know that in the safety of the counseling session they can share deep hidden secrets and know that they will not be judged, but helped. Good counselors have special gifts and training

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to help the individual trust that what is shared there stays there. Counselors must be able to recognize the aspects of their life which are causing the problem, and know how to help the person work through those difficult situations to where they can deal with everyday stresses and problems.

Counseling is a key component of our ministry today. From the staff who provide professional counseling to our children, to the counselors in both our First Step Pregnancy Counseling ministry and the Cornerstone Christian Counseling ministry, we seek to provide qualified people with both the gift and the training to meet the critical needs of hurting people.

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The Kentucky-Russia Baptist Partnership

Russian & Kentucky Baptists initiate 5-year plan

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MOSCOW—Add “partnership” to “glasnost” and “perestroika” on the list of terms defining the new Russia.

Add it to Baptists’ list, anyway. Russian and Kentucky Baptists have forged a partnership, designed to strengthen the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in much the same way business and government partnerships are strengthening the nation.

The five-year agreement is to begin in January 1994 and continue through 1988. But leaders of both groups, eager to get things started, have planned at least two projects for this fall.

The partnership concept is nothing new for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Kentucky Baptists joined forces with Baptists in Kenya from 1985 to 1987, and a four-year partnership with Baptists in Espirito Santo, Brazil, ends this year. Stateside partnerships include work with Baptists in Ohio and Utah-Idaho.

But Russian links to U.S. Christians remained impossible until the Iron Curtain fell and Mikhail Gorbachev declared the Soviet Union open to the outside world.

The freedom of perestroika allowed “the preaching of the gospel without any limits,” reported Pyotr Konolvalchic, pastor of Ozerkii Baptist Church in St. Petersburg, and the leader expected to become president of the Russian Baptist union when Vasily Logvinenko retires this fall.

“We’ve never had this kind of preaching in Russia,” Konolvalchic added, noting Russian Christians may enjoy greater freedom now than Christians in the West. “Countries with laws have restrictions; but Russia is without laws.”

Russian Baptists have taken advantage of their new-found freedom. They’re starting churches as fast as they can recruit pastors and round up money. They’re teaching religion in public schools. They’ve participated in evangelistic campaigns such as Billy Graham’s mammoth crusade in Moscow last fall.

Konolvalchic summed up the reason for their intensity in one sentence: “How long this freedom shall last we do not know.”

Their passion for the gospel and their sense of urgency has led them into some awkward alliances during the past three years. “We were invaded by various religious movements from the West,” he explained. “Some who have no audience, some to gain authority, some to get wealthy” by raising U.S. dollars for undelivered Russian ministries.

“We have to digest all this. We have to decide who to hear, what to do. You can imagine we have indi-



UNDER CONSTRUCTION Valentin Mohov (left), pastor of Khimki Baptist Church in suburban Moscow, stands within the half-finished walls of his congregation’s building, describing the challenge of ministering to Russia in the midst of change. Listening are Bill Peacock (center) of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, William Marshall of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Baptist missionary George Lozuk (right).

gestion.”

But after three weeks of talks with KBC missions leaders—a week last fall and two in April—the Russian Baptists are ready to move ahead with their Kentucky sisters and brothers.

“I wish you had been here three years ago,” Logvinenko told the KBC’s missions leaders—Executive Secretary William Marshall, missions division Director Benton Williams and partnership Coordinator Calvin Wilkins. “We have to start now. If we study something too long, the time will work against us.”

The need for quick action impressed both Kentucky and Russian Baptists to jump-start the partnership this fall, with survey, medical/dental and church construction teams all slated to make the journey.

Once it’s officially underway, the partnership will focus on four major projects:

■ **Construction.** With many church buildings destroyed by the communists and new congregations starting all the time, building crews will be needed to help Russians construct church houses.

■ **Medicine.** Quality healthcare is beyond the reach of most Russians. Doctors, dentists, ophthalmologists and nurses will be able to provide

physical and spiritual ministry.

■ **Education.** Russian Baptists want to start 1,000 new churches as soon as possible. But their well of available resources is shallow. They’re focusing on calling out new pastors, church starters and Sunday school teachers, and they need Kentucky Baptists to help train them.

■ **Evangelism/discipleship.** Thousands of Russians are open to the gospel. Kentucky Baptists can make a contribution by sending teams that will do teaching-based evangelism and teams to follow up by training the new Christian believers.

Kentucky Baptists also plan to make funds available so the Russian Baptist union can help churches with construction costs and buy some badly needed computers.

The union is to be relocated in a new building being constructed by Russian Baptists and volunteer builders. The KBC hopes to obtain the rights to use the union’s current office space as a hostel for Moscow-based volunteers and an apartment for an on-site partnership coordinator.

That coordinator will work directly with Norm Lytle, a veteran Southern Baptist missionary who has been stationed in Moscow since last October. Lytle, who is the coordinator for

the seven Southern Baptist missionary couples in Russia, will be the primary conduit between Russian and Kentucky Baptists. He’ll chair a coordinating committee of missionaries, which also will include Billy Jackson, a construction specialist, and Bob Tucker, an educator. This committee will help establish partnership priorities and ensure good communication between Russia and Kentucky.

The partnership will be historic, predicted the KBC’s Marshall. Not only will it bridge the former Iron Curtain, but it will span time. Typical partnerships are for three years, he explained, noting this one will be for five years and could be extended to last at least a decade.

And given the enormity of the task, that’s a good start, he said.

Marshall compared the nation and its challenges to a gigantic apple. “It is too big for us to eat alone,” he told Russian Baptist leaders. “We must determine how much we can bite off, how much we can chew.”

“We cannot do everything. You cannot do everything. But we can do some things, and we want those things to be important to you.”

They will be important, and Kentucky’s efforts will be appreciated. □ See *Russia, Kentucky ...*, page 16

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Partnership projects will focus on 4 key areas

How long will the window last?

"The fields are white unto harvest" for the gospel across Russia, proclaims Vasily Logvinenko, president of the Russian Baptist union.

Since communism choked on its own failures and the Iron Curtain crashed down on top of it, the Russian people have sensed a freedom to search for religious truth. "It is true that after that very difficult period in our lives, we have now the door opened," Logvinenko explained. "And soon after this open time, many people were eager to listen to the Good News, to receive Christ. And now, even, there is less movement than we had before, at the beginning."

That may signal a narrowing of the "window of opportunity" for presenting the gospel to Russia, said Pyotr Konolvalchic, a St. Petersburg pastor and the expected successor to Logvinenko. Russian Baptists don't take religious freedom and missionary opportunity for granted. They have seen freedom snatched away in an instant. And they have seen open hearts turned away by the strong lure of Western secularism. That's why, they say, partners are needed to help them reach their beloved nation for Christ.

MOSCOW—Participants in the partnership between Baptists in Russia and Kentucky will face unprecedented opportunity, according to Russian Baptist leaders.

"The Lord's vineyard is very vast, and there are many fields in which we can cooperate," said Vasily Logvinenko, president of the Russian Baptist union. "So, with a great hope I am looking forward to your partnership."

"God will send his blessing, and we will succeed. We ask Kentucky Baptists to pray for us. We have had many years of sorrow and struggle, but very few of stability."

The current period of stability has come because of the faithfulness of the world's Christians, added Pyotr Konolvalchic, pastor of Ozerkii Baptist Church in St. Petersburg and the apparent successor to Logvinenko.

"If I may say so, you are responsible for the freedom we now enjoy, because you prayed for us," Konolvalchic said. "So, come help us."

During recent talks, Russian and Kentucky Baptist leaders discussed the kind of help Kentuckians should provide.

"We cannot do everything. You cannot do everything," said William Marshall, the Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive secretary-treasurer.

"You have to decide what God wants you to do."

As those talks progressed, the groups settled on four priority projects for the partnership:

■ **Construction.** Russian Baptists plan to start at least 1,000 churches, and each of these new congregations will need a permanent home, said Vladimir Boyev, home missions director for the Russian Baptist union.

Already, 22 churches in regions surrounding Moscow have started construction on their buildings but have had to stop because of insufficient funds, said Logvinenko. Most of them had the money to build when they started their buildings, but rapid inflation depleted their funds before the facilities were complete, he explained.

And in the Moscow and St. Petersburg areas, at least a half-dozen churches have received land and developed plans to build. They're meeting in rented halls until they can move to their own quarters. But the clock is ticking: Deed stipulations require them to begin construction within two years, or the land will revert to the government.

Partnership plans call for Kentucky Baptists to send teams to help Russian Baptists beat the government's time limits and build their houses of worship.

An early team is likely to engage in another pressing project—conversion of part of the Baptist union's old offices into an apartment for the partnership's on-site coordinator and a hostel for partnership volunteers who will work in the Moscow area.



HERE'S THE NEED A pastor from far southern Russia points to a map to show the location of his city during a meeting of Kentucky Baptist leaders with pastors and directors of missions from across western Russia. The Russians presented their Kentucky guests with a host of needs: church construction, ministry education, medical/dental services and evangelism/partnership training.

■ **Medicine.** With healthcare expensive and in short supply, vast numbers of Russians need medical and dental attention.

"Most Christian believers are not protected by medical/dental insurance," reported Victor Grishkevich, a plastic surgeon and chairman of the Christian Medical Association in Russia.

"These people won't participate in the black market, and they cannot live on their salaries alone. Medical care is too expensive."

"For some, this (partnership) will be the first time to go to a doctor," Grishkevich predicted.

The partnership will sponsor teams of medical personnel—doctors, dentists, ophthalmologists, nurses and perhaps others—to provide badly needed care.

The project is such a priority that the Russians have built medical/dental rooms into the ground floor of their new Baptist union building.

Many unbelievers have heard about plans for the medical partnership and are asking if they can see doctors and dentists, Logvinenko reported, noting, "This will provide an excellent opportunity to minister to people and to proclaim the gospel."

■ **Education.** Russia's decades of repression prevented Baptists from training ministers and educating church workers. The need for education is compounded by the plans to start 1,000 churches and the necessity of training ministers to lead them.

In fact, both Logvinenko and Konolvalchic said ministerial training should be the first priority for the Russia-Kentucky Baptist partnership.

The Baptist union plans to start a ministry in the Moscow area in the near future.

But because that effort is getting strong support from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, the Baptist World Alliance and other groups, the Russians want Kentuckians to put their efforts into one-year Bible institutes.

These schools, which probably will start in four or five locations but one day may be located across the nation, can provide immediate access to training for pastors, church starters, Sunday school teachers and other church starters.

Missionary Bob Tucker and Vladimir Ryaguzov, director of the Baptist union's training center, are developing plans for the Bible institutes. Kentuckians are likely to be asked to help teach brief courses. Some may stay longer, if their schedules allow.

Ministerial education is vital for the welfare of Baptists in Russia, Konolvalchic stressed: "If we don't teach, the Pentecostals and charismatics will. Without the schools, we cannot start the churches. A pastor cannot know what to teach if he has not learned himself."

■ **Evangelism/discipleship.** With new openness sweeping the country, Russian Baptists have had a tremendous opportunity to proclaim the gos-

pel. Now, they have an equal or greater challenge—teaching new believers how to become strong Christians.

Through the partnership, Kentucky Baptists will have an opportunity to help in both areas.

Russian Baptist leaders talked about the need for "teaching evangelism" projects. Under this approach, a Baptist would work in a city for several weeks, perhaps a month, teaching the Bible every day, Konolvalchic explained.

"On the 20th day, the teacher would propose that students accept Christ and be baptized," he said. "This is a calm, inexpensive approach which doesn't disturb the Orthodox church, but many people will come and listen."

"After a month, a teacher can leave behind 300 to 400 people prepared for the gospel."

Russian Baptists favor this steady approach over hard-sell, short-term evangelistic crusades, they said, because the effects are much greater.

Other evangelistic projects could be aimed at schools, prisons and hospitals, and Russian Baptists said they are interested in evangelistic ministries to the blind, deaf, invalids and orphans.

The partnership will provide Kentuckians with numerous opportunities to minister in Russia, Logvinenko promised.

"The Lord's vineyard is very vast, and there are many fields in which we can cooperate," he stressed again.

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Church buildings typify Russian Baptists' struggle

MOSCOW—Russian Baptist history is built into the story of its houses of worship.

It's an unhappy story told consistently across the massive nation.

The story echoed over and over again this spring, during a meeting of regional supervisors, the equivalent of Southern Baptist associational directors of missions. They converged on Moscow for the opportunity to tell visiting Americans about their greatest needs. And time after time, they talked about their church buildings.

Their story revolves around four common themes:

■ Repression.

Most Russian Baptist congregations don't own church buildings, thanks in large measure to the repression of communists, who ruled their land for 70 years.

In 1977, the communist authorities decided the time had come to shut down the congregation. Members were dragged from the building, blasted with water canon and disbursed to their homes.

In a valiant effort to save their building, the pastor and deacons barricaded themselves inside, refusing to leave. The authorities laid siege, preventing family and friends from taking food to the stalwart defenders.

After a week, the authorities appeared to relent. "Go in peace," they told the Baptists. "We won't destroy your building."

But as soon as it was vacant, three tractors tore it to splinters.

■ Oppression.

From the time the first Russian Baptist was baptized in Tbilisi in 1867, the Russian Orthodox Church has tried to wipe out the tiny minority faith.

The Orthodox Church held status as the state religion under the czars, and it's making a bid to become the state religion again under perestroika, explained Pyotr Konolvalchic, pastor in St. Petersburg.

Orthodox leaders have denounced Baptists as ignorant, crazy and potentially dangerous, added Konolvalchic, who is expected to become the next

president of the Russian Baptist union this fall.

Architecture plays a part in reinforcing those ideas. In Moscow, for example, the Orthodox Church owns 800 places of worship. Most are cathedrals, with their exquisite, picturesque onion domes—many gold-plated, others painted brightly—visible across the skyline. Moscow Baptists, in contrast, own only one building that even looks like a church. They meet in rented halls, converted homes, run-down schools.

The Baptist facilities work, as far as providing space and shelter goes. But in a battle for the attention—not to mention the hearts and souls—of the people, the contrast between Orthodox opulence and Baptist bedraggled only reinforces the popular perception that Orthodox is the real thing and Baptist is its shallow imitation.

Consequently, Baptists feel intense pressure to construct buildings that look like places of worship. Solid, attractive structures, they hope, will validate their message.

■ Bureaucracy.

The vast Russian bureaucracy, a clumsy legacy of communist rule, reinforces the compulsion to erect edifices rather than functional facilities.

Permission to construct any building must be granted by the city or regional architect, explained George Lozuk, a Southern Baptist missionary based in Moscow.

These architects, concerned with the image of "new Russia," seem determined to require architectural splendor over practical utility, Lozuk added: "They want to make a 'statement' with every building. It's quite a problem."

This pressure is intensified by another requirement, noted Konolvalchic. The government owns the land and makes it available to groups which promise to develop it. But the users of the land have only two years to start building, or the permit to occupy the property is revoked.

The pressure, fueled by demands to build quickly and erect notable facilities, is immense.



GOD'S HOUSE Members of Lysenka Baptist Church in Moscow (above) worship in a converted home, awaiting the construction of adequate meeting space on a next-door lot. Unfinished structures (left) plague Russian Baptist churches. Most Baptist church houses were torn down by the communists. Efforts to rebuild have been hampered by a bureaucratic system that requires elaborate architectural plans and "statement" buildings, as well as spiraling inflation that robs building funds before walls can be completed.

■ Finances.

All this is compounded by an enormous economic squeeze.

To begin with, Russian people on the whole are poor. And Baptists—long persecuted by the government and often unable to obtain advanced education and better jobs, as well as unwilling to participate in the black market—often are worse off than their neighbors.

Pastors and several Baptist employees work for \$20 per month.

A pastor from a city in the south confided to a friend that he feared his church would be evicted from its rented facility because it could not afford the next three months' rent. The total was 21,000 rubles, less than \$27.

Beyond the basic poverty, inflation is robbing Russians every day. In late April, news reports indicated the inflation rate had improved—to about 18 percent per month.

"Many of our churches had saved enough money to construct their buildings," reported Vasily Logvinenko, president of the Baptist union. "But inflation soared as they started their work, and before long, their money was gone."

As Logvinenko talked, regional superintendents circulated photos of building projects in their areas. Picture after picture showed incomplete work—vacant foundations, partial walls, roofless structures.

Construction stopped when the money ran out.

Russian Baptists' frustrations are intensified by the brightness of their dreams for this mission field. That field is "white unto harvest," and they believe they have heard God say of their church houses, "If you build them, they will come."

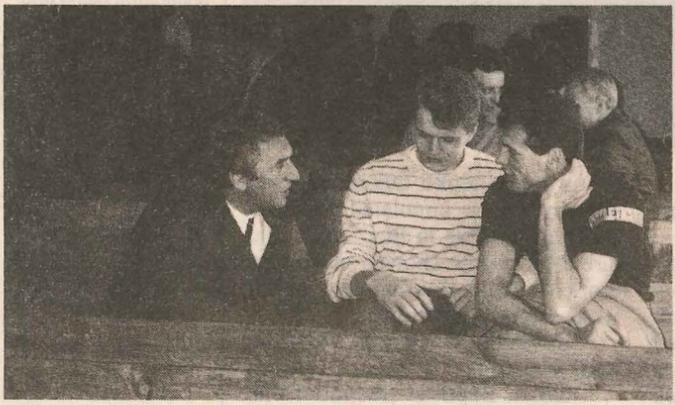
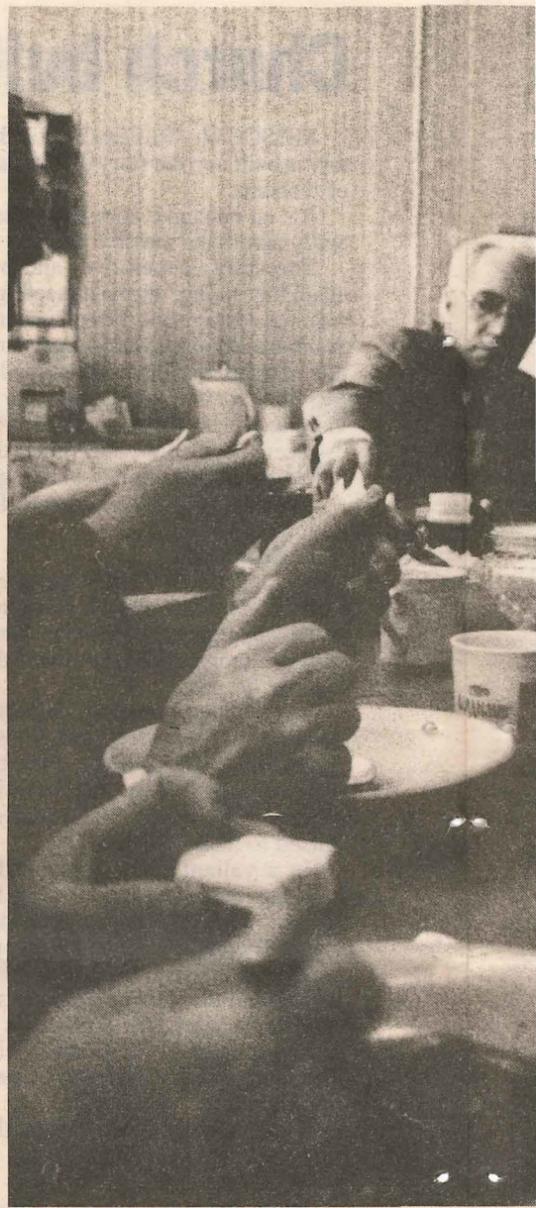
This dream already has been rebuffed by some would-be helpers, Konolvalchic reported: "Many Christians in the West feel it's not their business to build buildings. So, what are we to do? Rent facilities? These can never be special for the people."

That's why church construction will be a vital part of Kentucky Baptists' partnership with their Russian brothers and sisters, Konolvalchic stressed: Every nail struck will strike a blow for the gospel. Every brick laid will lay to rest decades of communist repression, Orthodox oppression, social bureaucracy and stifling poverty.



OVER THERE Boris Berezhnoy (right) and Vladimir Fadeev (center) show Kentucky Baptist partnership Coordinator Calvin Wilkins the direction from Second Baptist Church of Moscow (background) to the Russian Baptist union's offices.

■ **RIGHT:** William Marshall (left), executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and Pyotr Konolvalchic, the next president of the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of Russia, link arms in a symbolic gesture of the strength and unity of the partnership between the two Baptist groups. ■ **BELOW:** The choir of Ozerkii Baptist Church in St. Petersburg rehearses Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" in preparation for Easter services April 18. The women wear hats because married Russian Baptist women cover their heads in church.



■ **ABOVE:** Pastor Oleg Zjidulov (left) talks with visitors to Second Baptist Church of Moscow following Easter services. Russian Baptists are seeing widespread interest in the gospel on the part of citizens across the formerly communist country.



■ **ABOVE:** Kentucky Baptist Convention partnership missions Coordinator Calvin Wilkins (foreground) records a conversation between KBC missions division Director Benton Williams (left) and Southern Baptist missionary George Lozuk at the construction site of Mitishi Baptist Church in Moscow. Many Russian Baptist churches are only partly complete because spiraling inflation has robbed members of the money to build them. ■ **RIGHT:** "Baboushkas"—elderly women left widowed during World War II—comprise a solid core of many Russian Baptist congregations.



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■ **LEFT:** What Baptist get-together would be complete without a meal? Staff of the Russian Baptist union, Southern Baptist foreign missionaries and Kentucky Baptists enjoy a lunch of borsch—a traditional cabbage soup with beets—bread and hot tea. Cabbage, beets and potatoes are a staple of the Russian diet; their hardy character enables them to grow in the northern climate, they're abundant, and they're cheap.

■ **BELOW:** The Russian Baptist union is constructing a new brick office building next door to its old rented frame headquarters. The new structure will house union offices, medical and dental clinics, the temporary quarters for a new seminary, a print shop, a library and an office for Southern Baptist missionaries in Moscow.



■ **LEFT:** Boris Berezhnoy and members of the musical group Good News perform a gospel concert in the hallway of the Russian Baptist union offices in Moscow. Berezhnoy, director of the musical group and associate pastor of Second Baptist Church in Moscow, visited Kentucky in 1991 during a study trip to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.



■ **ABOVE:** Gum Department Store—actually a collection of small shops housed in a 100-year-old triple arcade—is the closest Russians come to a mall. While prices seem inexpensive to Westerners, shopping at Gum is extravagantly out-of-the-question for most Muscovites. ■ **LEFT:** Gold-leaf crosses top the domed spires of a Russian Orthodox church in Moscow. Thousands of glittering Orthodox cathedrals mark Russian architecture and contrast sharply with modest Baptist budgets.

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Patience in big demand for Russian life

Buy it now

"Nothing in Russia is ever consistent except the Metro," missionary Martha Lytle says of life in the newly freed country, as well as Moscow's always-on-time subway system. Russians and missionaries to Russia confirm the truth of her assertion.

For example, a market may have bountiful fruit one day and not have any for weeks afterward. The system has proved to be a cause for adjustment to the missionaries, even though five of seven couples are veterans and have lived around the globe.

When missionaries in Moscow go shopping and find a plentiful supply of something, they often buy for the others, even without checking. By the time they could get home, make a phone call and get back to the market, the goods might be gone.

But some things never run out. Pepsi and Snickers are everywhere.

MOSCOW—If patience were a crowning virtue, most Russians would be saints.

Russians stand in line to buy groceries, stand and wait for buses, stand in line to buy clothes. They even stand in line to order "fast" food.

The process required to buy a fish exemplifies the waiting process Russians endure:

A typical Russian enters a grocery store and enters a line to examine the fish available that day. When he gets to the front of the line, he chooses his fish and receives a coupon. Then he moves to another line to deliver the coupon to the cashier and pay for the meat. After that, he stands in a third line to show his receipt to another clerk, who hands over the fish he chose two lines, and many minutes,

ago. Later, he waits in another line to buy bread, and other lines to buy vegetables and fruit, when available.

On top of that, even the waiting is uncertain. What's for sale one day may not be there the next. Or the store may run out of a product, with a long line of customers still waiting.

Such delays and interruptions might raise a ruckus in the United States, but Russians appear patient, almost stoic, as they wait and wait and wait. Shopping is a quiet experience, with very little conversation, and practically no boisterous shouting, among customers or clerks.

Theories abound about the passive patience of the Russian people. The most common describes a heritage that never has known any other way.

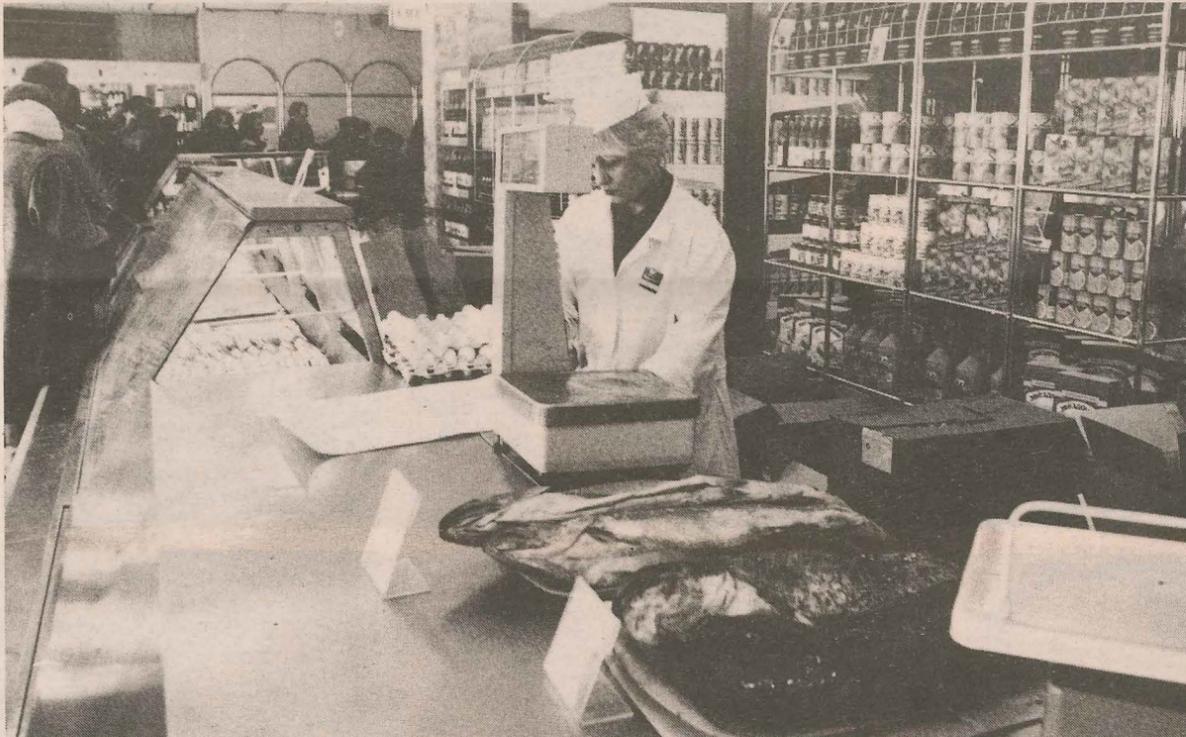
The vast majority of the Russian

people were impoverished peasants during the reign of the czars. They had little and endured much. They had no choice but to wait.

This prepared them for communism, which produced a bounty of rhetoric but insufficient products. People continued to wait for the opportunity to purchase bare necessities. And with complaints tantamount to treason, they learned to wait quietly, lest negative words get them in trouble.

The transition to a market economy has been difficult, and the delivery system still hasn't changed much. So, people continue to wait.

Russian Baptists say this virtue carries over to religion, where many of their fellow citizens still are waiting for the gospel.



NOT-SO-FAST FOOD Despite rumors to the contrary, food in Russia is readily available—at least in Moscow, at least in springtime. Still, shoppers must stand in up to three lines just to purchase each item they buy.

Russian Baptists generally support reforms

MOSCOW—Do Russian Baptists support their country's reform movement?

That's a question often asked of recent travelers to the former super power, which slowly is emerging from seven decades of communist rule.

Russian Baptists are like U.S. Baptists in at least one major way—nobody speaks for everybody. But the question can be answered in the affirmative: Yes, Russian Baptists support the reforms.

Anyone who's heard even a few of their stories of persecution could guess the answer. After generations of repression, Christians favor changes which free them to proclaim the gospel and worship as their consciences dictate.

As with most aspects of Russian politics these days, feelings about issues get mixed up with personalities.

Some Baptists respect Boris Yeltsin as a brave and charismatic leader. Others view him as a lucky politician, trying to ride the crest of a democratic wave.

"Yeltsin is not as good as Gorbachev," one Baptist in Moscow insisted. "Gorbachev seemed to recognize the value of many faith groups. With Yeltsin, it seems, all that matters is the Orthodox church. Besides, Yeltsin likes his vodka. ... But if you want reform, there's only one choice, and right now that's Yeltsin."

Vasily Logvinenko, president of the Russian Baptist union, joined 19 other religious leaders in a historic meeting with Yeltsin April 21, four days before the crucial referendum on Russian leadership and reforms.

"President Yeltsin expressed appreciation for the meeting," Logvinenko told a group of Baptists the next day. "He said he felt sorry the

state had not provided peaceful years for the church. On behalf of the state, he expressed grief for those years."

Given an opportunity to speak, Logvinenko told the group: "Baptists have been the Protestant denomination persecuted most of all. The word 'Baptist' sounds bad to many people, because of the propaganda. All these times, Baptists were honest, worked for the state and nobody could truthfully say anything wrong with them.

"But we were persecuted. Many of us were taken to Siberia and never returned."

Small wonder, then, that Baptists support the reform movement which offers hope for the future.

"I'm sure whatever is happening in our country today is according to the will of God and God will provide," Logvinenko told a group of American visitors. "We're praying the past never returns."

U.S. money travels far for Russians

MOSCOW—Russia's runaway economy may be a buyer's market by American standards, but it's crippling most people who live there.

When reformers opened trading of the ruble in April 1992, the Russian currency's value in relation to the dollar fell from 55 to 160 in one day.

Now inflation has settled down, to "only" about 18 percent—per month. During a 10-day period this spring, the ruble/dollar exchange rate plummeted further, from 775 to 815.

That means American dollars held by tourists and black marketeers has amazing power. For example:

■ A group of 11 American adults ate dinner—salad, vegetables, meat, soft drinks, bottled water, hot tea and ice cream—for a combined total of \$23.14.

■ Government-subsidized gasoline costs about a quarter a gallon.

■ A nice—not fancy, but adequate—hotel room can rent for slightly over \$20 per night.

But Russians are paid in rubles, not dollars, and their money buys less every month. So, some things Americans might take for granted are major problems for typical Russians. For example:

■ The daily rate for freelance Russian/English interpreters is \$10. A foreign visitor was appalled that Baptist leaders would quibble over whether an interpreter used for a few hours in the evening should be paid the full \$10. Then he learned full-time interpreters employed by the Russian Baptist union only make \$20 per month, a good wage by national standards.

■ A meal at McDonald's in Moscow—a quarter-pound cheeseburger, fries and soft drink—costs about \$2.50. Not much? For a family of four Muscovites, the total would be about half of one parent's monthly wages.

■ One Baptist church nearly had to stop meeting because it couldn't afford the next three months' rent of 21,000 rubles, or \$26.50.

■ Inflation has literally taken food out of the mouths of Russian pensioners, the elderly who live on fixed incomes. Many subsist on cabbage and beets.

That, economists say, may be a metaphor for the current state of Russia's economy: Slowly starving.



Boyev survived death threat to become missionary

MOSCOW—The KGB wanted Vladimir Boyev. Dead.

Russia's infamous secret police had no use for the young Baptist minister. KGB agents asked one of Boyev's friends to poison him.

And although the man refused, he couldn't afford to tell Boyev about the incident. Even a secret conversation between friends was too dangerous during the "difficult period."

Years later, after perestroika brought freedom to the former Soviet Union, they had their talk.

"When my friend told me about the KGB, I said to him, 'Thank you very much for not killing me,'" Boyev said with a laugh that quickly turned somber. "Of course, it was God who spared my life."

Boyev's story—or more precisely, the way he tells it—goes a long way toward describing Russian Baptists' home missions director: A jovial person of profoundly deep faith, who has triumphed over terrors.

Boyev, 37, is a native of Veronezh, a district about 250 miles south of Moscow. He was the only hearing member of his family, and the government put him in an orphanage at age 7 because, officials claimed, his deaf parents were unfit to raise him.

"I was very disappointed people surrounding me didn't hear," he recalled. "I was a great sinner and a very disobedient boy. I started smoking at age 7 and drinking at 12. My life looked like a nightmare until I was 23 years old."

Then he met a beautiful young woman. "I knew she was the daughter of a pastor," he said. "I told myself, 'I will destroy this church and release this girl.'"

But the tough guy from Veronezh

didn't count on encountering the unconditional love of "15 old women" in that small Baptist church.

So Boyev became a Christian, the pastor's daughter became his wife and the church became his family.

He turned from a hoodlum to a minister. He saw his family background as a sign of God's calling to serve the region's many deaf people.

But new-found faith didn't translate into an easy life for Boyev. Nothing ever has been easy for Russian Baptists.

Boyev's father-in-law, a former Orthodox priest, became a Baptist while in prison. When he got out, he

built a church right next door. Every night, he threw food over the walls to the famished prisoners inside.

Bad as that was, communist leaders in the region made things worse. Thirteen years ago, the pastor disappeared while walking to another church to lead the Lord's Supper. Several days later, his murdered body was found under the ice of a frozen river.

That same week, the authorities brought a bulldozer and smashed the church.

And that same week, Boyev's own father—who had been threatened because his son had started sharing the

gospel—was found murdered.

The government also sued Boyev himself. It accused him of being an American spy because he was a Baptist. "How can you be Russian and be Baptist?" he recalled being asked. "If you're truly Russian, you must be Orthodox. Only Orthodox is Russian."

"Vladimir was always presented as being an enemy of Soviet power, because he couldn't keep silent about what the Lord had done for him," explained Vasily Logvinenko, president of the Russian Baptist union.

Under Logvinenko's guidance, Boyev's ability and responsibility grew. He became regional superintendent—the Russian equivalent of a Kentucky Baptist director of associational missions—for two districts in the Veronezh area.

In January, his responsibility increased again, when he became the union's home missions director. He's in charge of its church-starting efforts, and plans to launch 1,000 new congregations across the massive country.

But even this new opportunity has called forth more sacrifice. With spiraling inflation, Boyev can't afford an apartment in Moscow to accommodate his eight-member family. So he "commutes" to work, lives in his office and sees his six children once every three or four weeks.

"Is nothing," Boyev claims, dismissing a question about hardship and pointing to two Southern Baptist foreign missionaries from America. "They moved halfway around the world; I'm only a train ride away from my family."

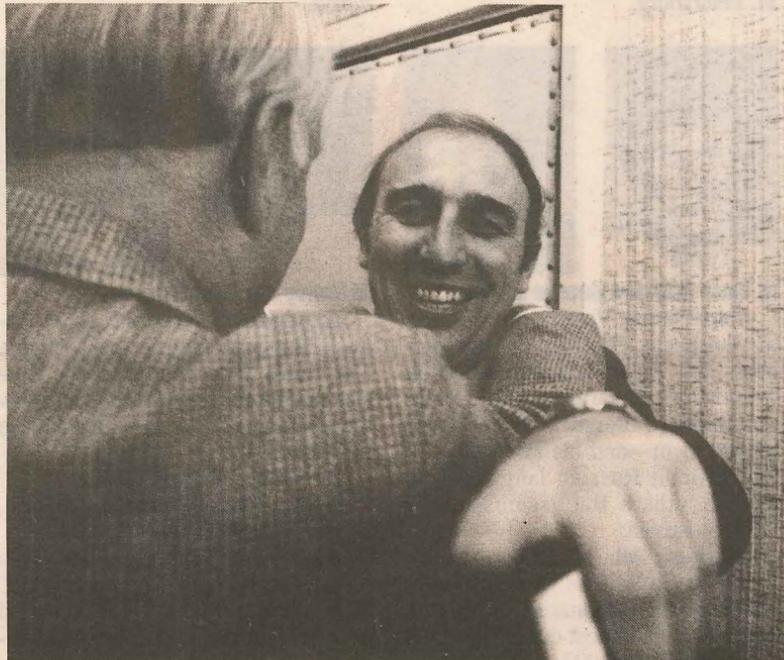
"Besides, now is the time for the gospel in Russia."

A very good rule

Survival during a lifetime of communist repression taught Vladimir Boyev to appreciate humor where he could find it.

Russian Baptist worship services are long by American standards—usually about two hours, with multiple sermons, lots of special music and slow-yet-vigorous congregational hymns. He dates the lengthy services to a 1962 KGB decree limiting worship to "only" three sermons per meeting.

"It's a very good rule," he says, laughing at the communists' unsuccessful attempt to stifle worship.



CHURCH STARTER Vladimir Boyev survived a KGB death threat and the assassinations of his father and father-in-law to become Russian Baptists' church-starting leader. He wants to launch at least 1,000 new Baptist congregations across his nation.

Kentucky Baptists face a giant partnership



Russia's a huge place:

Size 6,592,800 sq. mi.
 Breadth 6,000 mi.
 Time zones 11
 Population 148,542,000
 Moscow 8,801,500
 St. Petersburg 4,466,800
 Baptist churches 1,132
 Registered Baptists .. 74,000
 Baptist attendance ... 740,000

And Kentucky's not so big:

Size 40,410 sq. mi.
 Distance 350 mi.
 Time zones parts of 2
 Population 3,685,296
 Jefferson Co. 664,937
 Fayette Co. 225,366
 KBC churches 2,292
 Baptist members 775,281

Art not to scale

Support a missionary for \$100 per month

MOSCOW—Russian and Kentucky Baptists may not speak the same language, but their numbers add up the same way.

Russian Baptists can put a church-starter missionary on the field for just \$100 per month, reported Vladimir Boyev, the Russian Baptist union's home missions director who wants to start 1,000 new churches.

That price includes salary, travel expenses and rent on a meeting hall.

When Boyev learned Kentucky Baptists number 750,000, his internal missions calculator went to whirring as he considered the possibilities.

"If every Kentucky Baptist would give us one penny a month, we could put 75 new missionaries on the field," he proclaimed from the back of a van taking Kentucky Baptist and Foreign Mission Board representatives on a tour of church sites.

A moment later, Boyev announced an update. "If each Kentucky Baptist would give us a dime a month, we could put 750 new missionaries on the field!"

Boyev's guests couldn't argue with him. His numbers added up.

To find out more about the project, contact the Kentucky Baptist Convention's partnership consultant, Calvin Wilkins: Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40253-0433, phone (502) 244-6462.

MISSION: POSSIBLE

14 Southern Baptist missionaries are pioneers in Russia

How to help

You can be a part of Kentucky Baptists' partnership with Baptists in Russia. Four main projects will dominate the partnership and consume volunteers: church-building construction, medical/dental services, training for ministers and church workers and evangelism/discipleship. But even people who can't go to Russia can help out. The partnership will need funds to help send others and to build buildings. Some churches already have expressed an interest in funding the work of Russian Baptist church-starters, at a cost of only \$100 per month. To learn how you or your church can do your part in the partnership, contact the Kentucky Baptist partnership coordinator, Calvin Wilkins: Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40253-0433; phone (502) 244-6462.

MOSCOW—Who says pioneers are a dying breed? Seven Southern Baptist churches are launching mission work in Russia.

Most of them are brand-new to their assignments. But their task is obvious—helping build a spiritual infrastructure for a nation of 148 million people, a nation whose "official" religion was atheism for most of the last 70 years.

These missionaries will be key players in the success of the Kentucky-Russia partnership.



■ Martha and Norm Lytle.

Experience: Lifelong missionaries to Israel, where he most recently directed Baptist Village.

Arrived: October 1992.

Task: Succeed the Lozoks in coordinating Foreign Mission Board work in Russia. In addition, he will be the missionaries' coordinator of the Russia-Kentucky partnership efforts which partnership information and priorities are channeled.

Kentucky connections: She's a native of Louisville and grew up in Crescent Hill Baptist Church. They're both Georgetown College graduates, and he graduated from Southern Seminary.



■ Gloria and Joe De Leon.

Experience: Pastorate of a bilingual Hispanic/English congregation in Southern California. They felt a call to missions during a trip to Russia in 1990.

Arrived: November 1992.

Task: Church planter-catalyst in St. Petersburg.



■ Lou Ann and Kenneth Locke.

Experience: Veteran missionaries to Hong Kong.

Arrived: April 1993.

Task: Coordinate teaching English. It's an in-demand job; many Russians see the ability to speak English as a key contact to the Western world.

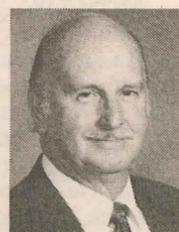


■ Annette and Billy Jackson.

Experience: Veteran missionaries to Venezuela.

Arrived: October 1992.

Task: Construction. His dream is to oversee building a Russian Baptist seminary campus.



■ Veda Rae and George Lozuk.

Experience: Veterans of missionary work to Venezuela. They are the true pioneers. His father was an immigrant from Minsk, Belarus, and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board tapped them—and his knowledge of the difficult Russian language—to open Southern Baptist missionary work in Russia.

Arrived: Feb. 11, 1991.

Task: Coordinate work of Southern Baptist missionaries in Russia. Their work is almost done.

Retire: June 1993.



■ Nancy and Mel Skinner.

Experience: Pastorate of an English-language church in Germany. They have felt a burden for the Russian people for several years and saw the opening of Russia as the key to fulfillment of God's vision.

Arrived: February 1992.

Task: Church planter-catalyst, currently in Moscow.

Children: Two-year-old Sarah Skinner is the only "missionary kid" on the Russian field. She'll be joined by a baby sister or brother this summer.



■ Meg and Bob Tucker.

Experience: Well-traveled veteran missionaries to Venezuela, the Spanish-Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, and Canada.

Arrived: September 1992.

Task: Theological education. He's tapping into the monumental need for training Russian Baptist pastors and church-starters.



Kentuckians had Easter twice

MOSCOW—Imagine celebrating two Easters in one year. Actually, try to imagine celebrating two Easters in eight days. That opportunity befell Kentucky Baptists who visited Russia this spring.

Americans—and most of the rest of the world for that matter—celebrated Easter on Sunday, April 11.

The next morning, the Kentuckians boarded a plane bound for Moscow, in plenty of time to be present when Russian Christians celebrate the resurrection on Sunday, April 18. The Russians' observance reflects the national and cultural strength of the Russian Orthodox Church, which celebrated Easter a week later than Protestants and Roman Catholics elsewhere.

The Kentuckians and two Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board staff members divided up, three each worshipping at Second Baptist Church and Resurrection Baptist Church. They joined in worship with a cross-section of Russian life. Giggling children and aging "babushkas." Young parents and university students. Tired-looking factory workers and calm engineers.

The services were long. Two hours filled with singing, multiple sermons (three at Second, an amazing six at Resurrection), more singing and fervent prayer. Afterward, the groups joined together for lunch. The Russian hosts served a feast of boiled Easter eggs, fresh bread, salami and bologna, cabbage salad, pickles, hot tea and special Easter cakes. Bracketed before and after by Russian and English prayers, it was a true "Lord's Supper" to remember a lifetime.

Russia, Kentucky plan partnership

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both Logvinenko and Konolvalchic stressed.

"We are very thankful for the development of the partnership relations" with Kentucky Baptists, said Logvinenko, the retiring pastor. "Our 'family' is growing; we shall have more brothers and sisters whom we shall know. We shall be praying for them, and we hope they will pray for us."

"We wish for our brothers and sisters in Kentucky blessings from God. Let them remember that in our vast country there are people remembering them and praying for them and wishing them God's abundant blessings."

"God has sent the freedom we have now as an answer to the prayers of our people and the prayers of people all over the world," said Konolvalchic, who is expected to succeed Logvinenko this fall.

"And now, when we have such favorable days, all Christians are responsible to renovate the Christian life and help in building the Christian faith."

"As the Apostle Paul saw in one of his dreams about Macedonia, 'Come and help us.'"



JUBILANT SONG Choir members from Second Baptist Church of Moscow celebrate Easter by singing praises to God. Russian Baptist worship services typically last about two hours and include at least three sermons and numerous anthems. Congregational hymns are slow, but passionate and intense.

PEOPLE

Missionary Sarah Beth Short dies

LOUISVILLE—Sarah Beth Short, who pioneered Baptist ministries to mentally handicapped people and their families in Mexico, died April 30 at her home in Louisville after a long battle with cancer. She was 62.

Mrs. Short and her husband, James, retired in 1990 after 34 years as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries in Mexico.

They first lived in Chihuahua, where she co-directed a Baptist student home. They later lived for several years in El Paso, Texas, where Mrs. Short developed a special education department in the Sunday school of Mountain View Baptist Church.

After returning to Mexico in 1973, the Shorts lived in Mexico City, where she was secretary to the Baptist media consultant for

Latin America and administrative assistant for the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Mexico.

In 1986, Mrs. Short began a pilot program in handicapped ministries for the National Baptist Convention of Mexico.



Sarah Beth Short

Besides her husband, she is survived by her father, Charles Bradshaw of Beeville, Texas; four children, Julie Graham and David Short, both of Louisville, Martha Short of Frankfort, and James Mabry Short III of Anchorage, Alaska; a sister and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 3 at Lyndon Baptist Church in Louisville. The family requests memorial contributions be sent to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.

Mountains to the Mississippi

■ **BEAVER DAM**—Slaty Creek Church called **Rick Whittington** as pastor.

■ **CENTERTOWN**—Centertown Church called **Guy Gordon** as interim pastor.

■ **CORBIN**—**Sam Smith** resigned as interim pastor of Bethlehem Church.

■ **EDDYVILLE**—**Michael Benham** resigned as minister of music and youth at First Church in order to devote more time to pursuing his education.

■ **ELIZABETHTOWN**—Valley Creek Church held a youth rally and a one-day soul winning workshop in April. A Baptist Student Union group from Campbellsville College led the rally, attended by 169 youth. About 30 decisions were reported, including three people who committed their lives to full-time Christian service.

■ **GEORGETOWN**—**Carolyn Hale** has resigned as associate pastor of Faith Baptist Church. She is working part-time as communications coordinator for the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship and is available for pulpit supply.

The Delta Eta chapter of the Phi Mu Fraternity at Georgetown College is establishing the Leslie E. Hutcheson Memorial Scholarship in memory of Leslie Hutcheson, a Mayfield resident who was killed in an automobile accident in February. Re-

ipients of the scholarship must demonstrate a commitment to missions and church-related activities. To make a tax-deductible donation toward the endowment for this scholarship, send a check to Phi Mu Foundation, Georgetown College, 705, 400 E. College St., Georgetown, Ky. 40324.

■ **GRAND RIVERS**—**Jimmy Winsett** is pastor of Calvary Church.

■ **HARTFORD**—Hartford Church ordained **Tom Frizzell** as a deacon.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—**William Powell Tuck** resigned as pastor of St. Matthews Church to serve as pastor of First Church in Lumberton, N.C.

■ **OLATON**—Olaton Church ordained **Scott Burden** as a deacon.

■ **PINEVILLE**—**Don Mathis**, executive director of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, addressed the 1993 graduating class at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College during commencement exercises May 7.

The Clear Creek Singers, an auditioned vocal ensemble from Clear Creek College, recently presented concerts at First Church in Middlesboro and Harlan Church in Harlan.

■ **SMITHLAND**—**Virgil Diel** is pastor of Good Hope Church.

■ **VERONA**—**George L. Naylor**, previously pastor of Falmouth Church in Falmouth, has been called as pastor of New Bethel Church.

KENTUCKY KERNELS

On April 21, Kentucky officially recorded its 1,000th diagnosed case of AIDS. To date, 633 Kentuckians, or two-thirds of those diagnosed with AIDS, have died from complications related to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Source: Cabinet for Human Resources

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Gary and Mark

These two features were written by freshmen students in a composition class taught by Beth Blevins.

PhD grad attends Clear Creek

Gary Ralls has learned you can't outrun God. Feeling God's call to ministry, Gary tried to run for 10 years. He told a former pastor, "There are two things I won't do: wear a tie and go back to school."

Well, Gary is wearing a tie and attending school full time at Clear Creek. He came from Lexington, but in the process went from Kentucky to Florida for four years and back to Kentucky before submitting to God's call. Gary even received his PhD (wall Paper Hanging Degree). He said, "I tried many things but only found peace in God's work."

Gary attended church and worked diligently at various lay ministries throughout the years. He felt God was using this time to mature him. "I am at peace with God now, and I know I am where God wants me." He is the first-year class president.

Gary lives on campus with his wife, Kay, and three children. He is looking forward to graduation, and God willing, some kind of evangelistic work.

Darrell Hammons, Ohio

One who 'Has it together'

How would you like to meet a man who really knows where it's at? An organized man that can keep it all together? You need to meet Mark Taylor, youth minister extraordinaire. Mark has completed his first year at Clear Creek. He accepted the call into ministry in 1989 and came to Clear Creek. He is now the youth minister at First Baptist, Allen.

Taylor also serves as president of the associational youth committee, ASSISTeam youth leader and VBS director. Yet what is impressive about Taylor is his organization. During a demonstration speech he showed two notebooks he uses in his ministry. At a glance he knows exactly what he has done, needs to do and where he is going.

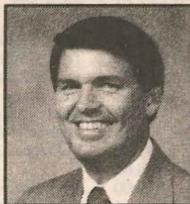
I asked Mark, "Why Clear Creek?" and, "Why youth ministry?" Mark stated, "My brother graduated from Clear Creek in 1988 and my father in 1990. The reason I'm a youth minister is because the world contradicts God's principles for living. It is important to present youth with God's will and a life of holiness according to his word."

Gary Carl, Ohio

Bill Whittaker is president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky. 40977

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CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

This is for all those born before World War II

I was born four months to the day before we entered World War II. I have some vivid memories of the last year of that war. I remember an uncle, who had been an honor student at Oneida, being killed in France. Sugar rationing, packed trains and many men in uniform, a grandmother weeping at the news of the death of Gen. George Patton are recalled.

The following thoughts are not original with me, but are worth reviewing. At the time I was born, "Made in Japan" meant "junk" and the term "making out" referred to how you did on your school exam. Instant coffee, pizza and McDonalds were unknown.

My generation hit the scene when there were 5-and-10-cent stores where you actually bought things for 5 or 10 cents. One could buy ice cream cones for a nickel or a dime. With a nickel one also could make a phone call, or buy a Coke at the Oneida Jot-em Down store. In those innocent days one could mail one letter and two postcards for 5 cents, and they arrived more quickly than today. It was also possible to buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? Gasoline was only 11 cents a gallon.

I was born before TV. I first saw it in 1953 watching Queen Elizabeth being crowned in England with the film being flown to the U.S. for transmission. I was born two years before life-saving penicillin was discovered in 1943. Another 12 years would go by before the miracle of polio shots. Frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, frisbees, contact lenses and the Pill all would follow.

In those days of innocence, people got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be? Closets were for clothes, not for "coming out of." Bunnies were small rabbits, and rab-

bits were not Volkswagens, Designer Jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeanne. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along well with our cousins.

In those days, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, Coke was a cold drink and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was a grandma's lullaby. AIDS were helpers in the principal's office.

I was before air-conditioners, electric blankets, dishwashers, clothes dryers, pantyhose, ball-point pens, credit cards, radar, split atoms and laser beams.

Being born in the 1940s put us ahead of house-husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and commuter marriages. We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, and guys wearing earrings.

My generation was certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered. But surely we were born before the sex-change operations. Folks made do with however God made them. We were the last generation to be so dumb as to think one needed a husband to have a baby!

Is there any wonder that we live in a time of confusion? Of course there is a generation gap! But how wonderful to remember the days "way back when" before all our "progress."

We survivors have much to celebrate. Being past the half-century mark, I can better identify with: "We older folks are privileged; we are allowed to be daring and bold. Everybody has been young at one time, but everybody hasn't been old."

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Barkley Moore is president of Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Ky. 40972

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GIVING

MID-YEAR REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIVING

These figures reflect gifts of Kentucky Baptist churches through the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program during the six-month period ending Feb. 28, 1993. Designated gifts are not reflected here. Questions or corrections should be addressed to the KBC accounting services department at (502) 245-4101.

	CP 92	CP 93
ALLEN ASSOCIATION		
Bays Fork	0.00	0.00
Big Spring Msnry	0.00	0.00
Dover Msnry	0.00	0.00
Holland	623.01	182.00
Liberty	1,070.95	1,302.89
Mt Gilead	0.00	0.00
New Hope	515.04	414.20
New Middle Fork	0.00	0.00
New Salem Msnry	0.00	0.00
Scout Creek	0.00	0.00
Scottsville	41,398.76	20,034.63
Trammel Fork	0.00	0.00
White Plains	934.06	1,356.68
TOTAL	44,541.82	23,290.40

	CP 92	CP 93
ANDERSON ASSOCIATION		
Alton	4,299.90	5,071.50
Ballard	0.00	1,702.39
Fellowship	270.00	270.00
Friendship	300.00	0.00
Glenboro	1,133.21	1,242.05
Goshen	306.00	323.00
Lawrenceburg First	34,855.00	40,565.26
Mt Pleasant	680.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Sand Spring	24,475.34	19,114.68
Tyrone	0.00	0.00
Van Buren	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	66,319.45	68,288.88

	CP 92	CP 93
BELL ASSOCIATION		
Arjay	0.00	0.00
Bennetts Fork	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	1,087.64	895.98
Binghamtown	3,000.00	3,000.00
Blue Ridge	0.00	0.00
Calloway	368.80	397.95
Southside Mission	0.00	0.00
Antioch	0.00	0.00
Charity #2	0.00	0.00
Clear Fork	0.00	0.00
Dunlap	0.00	0.00
East Cumberland Avenue	5,658.00	5,150.00
East Jellico	1,242.80	1,015.00
East Pineville	0.00	0.00
Faith Mission	0.00	0.00
Ferdale Southern Mission	164.40	141.64
Pineville First	10,654.53	10,071.87
Blackmont	400.00	300.00
Fonde	313.92	253.22
Fuson Chapel	0.00	0.00
Garneada	0.00	0.00
Harmony	0.00	0.00
Pine Grove	50.00	0.00
Chenoa Mission	40.00	84.00
Hensley Chapel	0.00	0.00
Hosman	1,785.66	2,112.81
Insull	0.00	0.00
Jenson	0.00	594.16
Pioneer	102.94	103.36
Meldrum	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	0.00
Bell Co Forest Camp Mission	0.00	0.00
Millers Chapel	0.00	0.00
Moss Chapel Church	150.00	90.00
Mt Mary	0.00	0.00
Newtown	143.67	185.45
Northside	0.00	0.00
Old Cannon Creek	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #1	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #2	0.00	0.00
Old Straight Creek	0.00	0.00
Old Yellow Creek	4,146.50	5,298.43
Pathfork	97.00	205.48
Red Oak	0.00	0.00
Richardson Chapel	0.00	0.00
Riverside	1,105.56	1,320.86
Riverside Mission	0.00	0.00
Riverview	288.04	372.23
Southside	250.00	1,528.64
Mt Hebron	100.00	40.00
Stoney Fork	385.00	330.00
Trinity	480.70	568.61
Tracy Branch	0.00	0.00
Tugglesville	48.00	36.00
Vanilla	0.00	0.00
Victory Msnry	391.00	591.35
Wasio	300.00	300.00
West Cumberland Avenue	341.14	475.76
West Pineville	1,018.07	1,356.45
TOTAL	34,113.37	36,819.25

	CP 92	CP 93
BETHEL ASSOCIATION		
Adairville	6,792.00	6,594.00
Auburn	3,250.00	2,001.00
Calvary	4,530.22	2,976.00
Dripping Spring	4,771.55	5,212.43
Elkton	8,333.38	8,583.39
Eastside Mission	0.00	0.00
Russellville First	26,500.02	27,670.02
Forest Grove	1,829.82	1,607.67
Grace Southern	791.00	825.00
Guthrie	5,020.66	5,527.10
Keysburg	698.12	1,407.52
Mt Gilead	1,961.53	2,875.68
Mt Zion	525.00	259.95
New Union	4,872.60	6,467.86
Post Oak	7,999.98	6,666.65
Russellville Second	9,348.07	12,613.05
Sharon Grove	2,195.00	2,322.00
Spring Valley	178.00	216.39
Tiny Town	600.00	500.00
Trenton	5,221.00	4,680.00
Walnut Grove	6,422.85	7,575.59
Whippoorwill	1,132.42	1,179.37
South Heights	4,939.13	4,893.35
Woodlawn	1,789.86	2,669.97
TOTAL	109,702.21	115,323.99

	CP 92	CP 93
BLACKFORD ASSOCIATION		
Blackford	8,586.00	6,795.11
Central	762.97	1,036.70
Chestnut Grove	1,679.10	1,950.97

	CP 92	CP 93
Dawson Memorial	261.30	146.05
First Lewisport	692.41	242.69
Friendship	0.00	0.00
New Life	617.46	175.39
Hawesville	19,745.71	23,052.95
Lewisport	12,813.61	19,668.89
Mt Eden	1,344.44	1,060.00
Newton Springs	1,150.00	1,367.00
Old Panther Creek	1,322.79	1,514.11
Patesville	0.00	0.00
Pellville	12,417.18	12,718.82
Poplar Grove	0.00	0.00
Roseville	0.00	0.00
Union	4,865.52	4,533.29
West Point	85.75	150.86
TOTAL	66,344.24	74,412.83

	CP 92	CP 93
BLOOD RIVER ASSOCIATION		
Altona	6,898.24	8,591.85
Bethel	12,137.99	11,856.40
Bethlehem	1,827.80	473.95
Blood River	557.92	321.32
Briensburg	50,259.70	63,490.83
Calvert City First	13,773.50	13,716.31
Victory	96.00	0.00
Cherry Corner	4,387.18	5,241.69
Coldwater	180.00	260.00
Dexter	1,206.82	1,051.12
Elm Grove	11,897.83	12,522.52
East Marshall	420.72	1,019.04
Ferguson Spring	300.00	50.00
Murray First	81,285.61	69,407.68
First Benton Msnry	11,739.36	11,789.00
Flint	3,488.84	3,017.36
Benton First	11,818.01	12,287.26
Elva Msnry	0.00	291.45
Gilbertville First	4,900.22	5,553.75
Grace	6,407.15	3,141.63
Hardin	2,468.52	2,115.10
Hamlet	6,747.22	8,393.06
Hazel	21,548.82	18,312.51
Kirksey	2,493.76	2,545.00
Lakeview	2,119.84	2,612.06
Ledbetter	629.98	644.44
Locust Grove	8,489.20	8,221.79
Lighthouse	0.00	0.00
Memorial	10,577.36	14,181.17
New Bethel	2,520.00	2,520.00
New Harmony	10,788.11	16,766.62
New Providence	110.97	124.35
New Mt Carmel	1,594.25	1,451.09
New Zion	5,000.77	7,377.47
Northside	1,825.00	2,404.00
Walnut Street	464.57	698.44
Oak Grove	1,571.72	1,564.42
Hilltop	125.99	202.89
Olive	5,734.92	6,688.87
Owens Chapel	1,890.78	1,884.63
Pleasant Hope	0.00	0.00
Poplar Spring	3,578.75	3,158.72
Pleasant Valley	562.50	562.50
Salem	5,345.09	5,678.15
Scotts Grove	2,367.54	2,412.96
Sharpe Msnry	2,273.56	2,510.60
Sinking Spring	175.00	175.00
South Marshall	210.00	180.00
Spring Creek	2,500.00	3,000.00
Sugar Creek	400.00	400.00
Union Ridge	1,257.98	1,623.48
Vanzora	2,185.84	2,212.39
Westside	8,537.18	7,574.33
West Fork	3,721.32	3,461.24
Zions Cause	4,722.60	5,881.30
TOTAL	348,122.03	361,621.74

	CP 92	CP 93
BOONE'S CREEK ASSOCIATION		
Allansville	3,415.72	3,636.63
Beech Grove	389.66	373.31
Boones Creek	11,449.53	14,472.38
Calvary	3,661.79	4,345.67
Central	56,987.20	58,615.90
Clay City	572.00	551.00
Corinth	4,716.75	4,732.39
Cow Creek	1,818.00	1,460.00
Emmanuel	537.73	399.32
Ephesus	286.36	1,036.04
Faith	66.00	82.00
Irvine First	1,109.83	1,241.22
Friendship	4,493.27	4,092.96
Greenbriar	0.00	15.00
Heidelberg	328.26	263.98
Howards Mill	2,663.00	2,269.00
Ivory Hill	809.59	983.47
Jeffersonville	1,864.80	1,796.07
Kiddville	714.72	728.63
Macedonia	2,003.58	2,146.33
New Hope	308.29	427.90
Means	1,131.29	1,343.80
Mt Olive	314.00	399.00
Northside	2,652.10	1,879.11
Panola	696.69	786.68
Powells Valley	577.37	679.48
Providence	1,114.00	1,183.00
Providence	1,394.00	1,542.00
Reid Village	976.93	1,066.34
Salem	924.00	2,283.67
Spring Street	206.87	1,711.64
Thomas	969.13	995.33
Valley View Mission	154.27	163.38
Williams Memorial	1,444.45	1,041.83
TOTAL	110,751.18	118,744.46

	CP 92	CP 93
BOONEVILLE ASSOCIATION		
Big Creek	533.50	505.51
Booneville First	1,629.40	1,856.50
Crane Creek	0.00	152.55
Southside Mission	0.00	0.00
Garrard	484.90	632.15
Gray Fork	0.00	50.00
Horse Creek	27,397.71	34,006.62
Island Creek	984.78	840.03
Lerose	60.00	90.00
Lily Grove	151.00	20.00
Lytleton	3,686.00	4,270.00

	CP 92	CP 93
Macedonia	3,805.72	4,203.73
Manchester	13,452.58	11,490.31
Muddy Gap	0.00	0.00
New Home	738.94	843.07
New Hope Msnry	0.00	0.00
New Prospect	1,030.72	636.62
New Zion	199.40	254.02
Oneida	2,823.12	4,249.08
Pleasant Point	234.31	234.35
Pleasant Run	3,216.41	3,915.79
Second Black Water	387.42	563.32
Wildcat Mission	0.00	0.00
Vincent	0.00	38.74
White Hall	0.00	0.00
Zion	909.00	1,104.00
TOTAL	61,724.91	69,956.39

	CP 92	CP 93
BRACKEN ASSOCIATION		
Aberdeen	4,439.19	4,927.71
Augusta First	132.79	127.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Minerva	0.00	0.00
Calvary	362.50	375.00
Central	6,708.70	6,601.57
Clearfield Mission	0.00	0.00
Dover	0.00	60.00
Ewing	1,090.00	990.00
Carlisle First	6,048.84	3,961.52
Morehead First	2,336.67	1,480.03
Irvingville	0.00	0.00
Flemingsburg	2,036.34	1,801.45
Foxport	500.00	675.00
Germantown	962.03	1,363.00
Heselon	0.00	0.00
Garrison First	1,280.31	2,231.69
Lewisburg	888.03	1,307.20
Locust Grove	337.95	423.49
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	CP 92	CP 93
Macedonia	21,176.76	29,499.47
Maceo	4,458.25	5,110.88
Masonville	0.00	4,404.15
Mt Vernon	410.13	663.12
New Liberty Mission	0.00	0.00
Newman	2,130.36	2,788.15
Old Buck Creek	0.00	0.00
Pack	0.00	0.00
Panther Creek	6,670.15	7,648.05
Riverside	0.00	0.00
Parrish Avenue	8,959.55	7,443.82
Pleasant Grove	12,420.89	13,974.16
Pleasant Memorial	1,763.17	2,471.72
Pleasant Ridge	3,175.78	5,262.80
Red Hill	785.00	717.00
Sacramento	3,099.50	3,832.01
Seven Hills	5,093.03	5,973.67
Sorgho	2,885.68	3,448.13
South Hampton	2,546.92	2,524.12
Stanley	902.93	1,052.18
Station	240.00	240.00
Sugar Grove	3,678.29	5,146.30
Temple	10,385.66	9,923.79
Owensboro Third	38,690.55	34,927.05
Utica	3,711.90	1,936.96
Walnut Street	6,205.67	5,239.43
Ridgewood	440.82	604.19
Garden Green	325.00	351.00
Whitesville	1,800.00	1,800.00
Wing Avenue	7,661.71	6,739.84
Yellow Creek	47,008.04	23,682.29
Yelvington	1,667.22	1,505.03
Victory	150.00	0.00
TOTAL	460,145.33	452,121.98

EAST LYNN ASSOCIATION		
Allendale	0.00	150.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Corinth	0.00	50.00
Green Hill	863.51	720.92
Holly Grove	1,217.39	1,232.97
Liberty	1,900.56	1,050.00
New Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Mt Carmel	300.00	300.00
Mt Roberts	1,253.98	1,515.93
Mt Washington	400.00	400.00
Rolling Fork	0.00	0.00
South Summersville	951.26	846.88
Union Band	269.80	181.90
Whickerville	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	7,156.50	6,448.60

EAST UNION ASSOCIATION		
Black Oak	0.00	0.00
Big Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00
Cane Gap Msnry	0.00	0.00
Carpenter	0.00	0.00
Clearfork	0.00	0.00
Emlyn	0.00	0.00
Kensee	335.87	359.40
Little Poplar	0.00	0.00
Louden	0.00	0.00
New Buffalo	0.00	0.00
Pleasant View	2,393.01	1,135.86
New Hope	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Old Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00
Saxton	240.20	718.50
Valley Creek	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	2,969.08	2,213.76

ELKHORN ASSOCIATION		
Broadway	11,669.95	13,350.61
Brookside	1,200.00	1,333.40
Becknerville	248.53	149.86
Calvary	50,000.04	41,516.44
Calvary Chapel	0.00	0.00
Cane Run	2,663.10	3,085.65
Central	3,500.00	3,000.00
Central	10,598.08	9,948.06
Chevy Chase	1,700.96	3,142.83
Citadel Msnry	0.00	0.00
Clear Creek	1,291.95	1,396.03
Clover Bottom	750.00	750.00
Crosswoods	2,193.04	3,788.64
Dauids Fork	5,828.27	5,362.83
Dry Run	608.93	806.30
Durbin Memorial	3,816.87	4,634.43
East Hickman	4,409.48	4,384.85
Edgewood	9,784.91	15,907.35
Faith	0.00	0.00
Faith	1,020.00	946.00
Lexington First	4,721.29	0.00
Paris First	12,794.75	11,952.94
Winchester First	18,720.87	17,662.42
Mt Sterling First	1,885.38	1,750.00
Corbin First	7,833.34	4,599.34
Gano Avenue	10,123.35	10,657.38
Gardenside	20,694.48	22,185.81
Georgetown	14,296.50	13,070.57
Glens Creek	3,866.00	2,866.00
Grace	16,612.87	6,500.00
Great Crossing	7,818.36	8,157.55
Northview	10,192.38	10,904.25
Highland	1,104.00	2,200.00
Hillcrest	3,591.26	3,675.05
Hillsboro	2,809.96	1,073.15
Immanuel Japanese Mission	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	95,673.49	116,004.60
Irishtown Mission	0.00	0.00
Lawrenceburg Community	894.78	1,024.11
Long Lock	2,495.78	1,062.73
Lyle Road	450.00	150.00
Penn Avenue	0.00	0.00
Mallard Point	1,014.93	1,307.79
Midway	1,792.79	1,249.98
Millersburg	0.00	73.00
Millville	764.08	4,949.68
Morning Star	0.00	0.00
Mt Freedom	3,432.30	3,127.00
Mt Pleasant	6,073.21	6,794.10
Mt Vernon	1,181.64	1,302.56
New Hope	3,825.40	3,889.51
Nicholasville	3,755.63	3,471.71
Parkway	7,888.99	7,979.88
Pinckard	4,655.99	4,387.93
Shawhan	24.44	150.00
Revelation	0.00	275.93
Porter Memorial	85,531.57	90,403.11
Riverview	0.00	0.00
Rosemont	20,685.70	15,459.89
Royal Springs	0.00	0.00
Russell Cave	3,635.59	4,010.53
Sadieville	460.89	499.29
Seventh Street	96.34	129.54
Silas	441.03	483.97
South Elkhorn	14,272.48	17,200.12
Southern Heights	7,755.96	9,153.24

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Southside	260.00	300.00
Spears Mill	1,453.00	1,655.00
Victory	0.00	4,082.00
Open Door Community	0.00	0.00
Springdale	0.00	200.00
Stamping Ground	2,225.28	3,119.99
Stonewall	0.00	0.00
Tatesbrook	100.00	0.00
Trinity	1,700.00	0.00
Union Mill Mission	0.00	0.00
Versailles	32,610.65	26,552.91
White Sulphur	1,685.00	1,400.00
Woodland Avenue	600.00	500.00
TOTAL	555,785.84	561,532.84

ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION		
Allen First	883.34	950.00
Topmost	450.00	50.00
Benedict	491.98	644.16
Brushy Fork	420.00	420.00
Garrett First	527.84	557.90
Fitzpatrick First	1,676.11	1,240.02
Inez First	9,213.46	5,899.05
Prestonsburg First	7,416.78	8,438.78
Ivyton	0.00	0.00
Jacks Creek	392.16	447.21
Pine Grove	0.00	0.00
Lancer	815.32	937.00
Liberty	148.93	280.04
Licking River	1,540.68	1,353.76
Martin First	70.72	97.31
Maytown First	320.00	100.00
McDowell First	1,788.46	1,685.74
Mt Beulah	139.00	194.00
Paintsville First	9,512.87	9,223.47
Pleasant Home	462.00	364.00
Salyersville First	720.00	720.00
Warfield Msnry	1,228.00	1,252.00
West Van Lear	327.97	276.33
Wheelwright First	80.00	0.00
TOTAL	38,625.62	35,130.77

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION		
Faith	710.56	275.35
Immanuel	4,470.46	7,047.35
Bellepoint	3,614.00	4,334.00
Rolling Fork	0.00	0.00
Buck Run	9,802.98	12,617.48
Calvary	5,548.83	4,434.28
Camp Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Cedar Grove	0.00	0.00
First Corinthian	0.00	0.00
Crestwood	20,245.02	21,675.03
East Frankfort	1,052.15	1,806.96
Evergreen	0.00	0.00
Frankfort First	0.00	2,000.00
Forks of Elkhorn	3,198.52	3,452.48
Farmdale	0.00	0.00
Hillcrest	4,249.44	4,340.00
Lebanon	971.22	916.58
Memorial	12,441.00	15,861.00
Mt Carmel	0.00	0.00
Mt Vernon	0.00	0.00
North Benson	3,814.57	4,184.40
North Fork	562.02	634.25
North Frankfort	1,263.00	990.00
Pleasant Ridge	2,182.80	1,529.43
Providence	3,198.31	2,838.73
St John	1,908.12	1,654.08
Swallowfield	600.00	650.00
Thornhill	9,351.03	17,277.99
Trinity	0.00	0.00
Westview	519.18	993.91
TOTAL	89,703.21	109,513.30

FREEDOM ASSOCIATION		
Albany First	5,250.00	4,500.00
Branham Grove	120.00	120.00
Burkesville First	3,577.51	3,118.64
Cave Springs	976.00	2,182.00
Central Grove	740.52	745.86
Fairland	0.00	0.00
Grace Union	0.00	0.00
Green Grove Msnry	380.00	0.00
New Sulphur Msnry	0.00	0.00
Pikeview	634.00	834.00
Stony Point	3,777.47	4,745.64
TOTAL	15,455.50	16,246.14

GASPER RIVER ASSOCIATION		
Aberdeen	3,578.00	3,399.00
Barnetts Lick	958.00	876.00
Bethel	598.96	474.47
Big Muddy	0.00	0.00
Brooklyn	0.00	0.00
Carve Rock	548.51	686.83
Chapel Union	0.00	0.00
Huntsville Msnry	0.00	0.00
Monticello	1,104.96	1,261.31
Morgantown First	7,033.45	6,904.61
Mt Liberty	100.00	50.00
Mt Olivet	1,169.78	819.83
Mt Vernon	1,361.00	1,417.30
New Harmony	0.00	0.00
New Liberty	1,143.11	939.47
New Midway	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	120.00	200.00
Quality	0.00	871.64
Richland Msnry	1,505.54	1,886.38
Rochester	1,422.20	1,526.60
Rock Spring Msnry	0.00	0.00
Salem	555.50	1,286.00
Sandy Creek	1,309.02	568.33
Union Msnry	825.90	983.60
Woodbury	508.96	483.06
Walnut Grove	0.00	197.07
TOTAL	23,842.89	24,831.50

GOSHEN ASSOCIATION		
Grandview	0.00	0.00
Hanging Rock	488.00	1,350.92
Broadway	0.00	0.00
Hopewell Msnry	0.00	0.00
Little Flock Msnry	0.00	0.00
Millwood	25.00	25.00
Pleasant View	0.00	0.00
Sulphur Wells Msnry	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	513.00	1,375.92

GRAVES COUNTY ASSOCIATION		
Baltimore	120.00	140.00
Fairview	0.00	0.00
Bell City	443.54	367.52
Bethany	582.51	481.12
Clarks River	13,049.27	16,623.02
Clear Springs	82.00	903.97
Cuba	4,309.60	4,905.58
Dublin	0.00	0.00

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Enon	1,000.00	1,000.00
Farmington	4,112.00	4,092.60
Fellowship	143.00	112.00
Mayfield First	35,772.65	37,246.22
Emmanuel	600.00	2,198.01
Hardmoney	600.00	600.00
Hickory	2,040.00	2,080.00
High Point	27,432.00	29,007.00
Liberty	8,802.21	8,499.90
Little Bethel	0.00	0.00
Lynnville	199.08	202.60
Melber	356.25	559.15
Millers Chapel	0.00	0.00
Mt Haven	181.30	371.65
Mt Pisgah	0.00	0.00
Mt Olivet	1,027.01	975.00
New Concord	200.00	200.00
New Home	740.00	633.34
Benedict	82.00	181.00
New Liberty	162.09	196.92
New Life	318.42	248.80
Northside	7,500.00	9,100.00
Oak Grove	300.00	300.00
Greater St Paul	0.00	0.00
Pilot Oak	1,465.55	2,091.35
Pleasant Grove	2,630.57	2,875.90
Pryorsburg	1,001.64	1,107.64
Lancer	0.00	0.00
Sedalia	1,910.68	3,989.49
Sharon	5,148.94	5,838.29
South First Street	0.00	0.00
Trace Creek	1,083.34	1,333.32
Viola Msnry	355.27	562.93
Water Valley	120.00	120.00
West Broadway	841.95	960.54
Wingo	7,717.19	6,932.90
TOTAL	132,430.06	147,037.76

GRAYSON ASSOCIATION		
Big Clifty First	96.62	130.32
Caneyville	5,582.28	2,367.69
Clarkson	3,124.87	4,003.67
Leitchfield First	26,810.47	20,897.20
Holly	461.00	488.00
Liberty	1,519.00	1,441.00
Little Clifty	4,210.36	4,147.43
New Hope	105.00	135.00
Shrewsbury	0.00	800.00
TOTAL	41,909.60	34,410.31

GREEN VALLEY ASSOCIATION		
Advance	1,380.19	1,366.50
Airline	8,723.80	8,691.05
Ambassador	150.00	244.45
Audubon	7,657.00	7,968.00
Bellfield	6,716.00	5,533.00
Bethel	2,325.27	2,253.18
Cairo Msnry	366.82	415.26
Calvary Msnry	2,157.40	2,150.16
Cash Creek	2,844.40	2,870.07
Cherry Hill	207.72	65.73
Morganfield First	19,053.28	

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Freedom	1,063.00	1,142.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00
Geneva	0.00	100.00
Harris Creek	56.98	54.93
Houstonville	2,020.00	2,080.00
Locust Grove	300.00	300.00
McKinney	1,821.74	2,673.44
Mt Hebron	832.29	1,168.04
Mt Salem	3,086.56	3,401.44
New Hope	0.00	0.00
New Salem	0.00	1,273.71
Olive	647.00	790.01
Parlor Grove	882.00	848.00
Pilot	318.27	127.91
Pleasant Point	2,073.00	2,007.00
Pleasant View	9,356.50	11,375.33
Polly Ann	705.67	483.41
Pond	396.74	696.75
South Fork	312.43	237.10
Watts Chapel Church	270.00	270.00
TOTAL	38,341.14	44,266.64

LITTLE BETHEL ASSOCIATION		
Charleston	3,784.23	4,721.51
Concord	6,337.76	5,673.91
Corinth	0.00	0.00
Dalton	485.16	627.76
Diamond	420.00	360.00
Dixon First	1,494.84	1,382.87
Dunn	2,144.43	2,928.97
Dawson Springs First	5,002.00	4,165.00
Earlington First	25,205.02	25,238.28
Madisonville First	74,669.08	76,906.04
Grapevine	4,921.60	628.55
Green Grove	300.00	300.00
Hanson	3,892.34	4,747.13
Providence First	10,738.96	15,618.24
Harmony	712.26	844.41
Johnson Island	1,947.00	2,164.00
LaFayette	0.00	0.00
Liberty	13,032.24	13,055.38
Freedom	0.00	0.00
Lakeview Msnry	300.00	600.00
Manitou	1,856.06	1,923.35
Mortons Gap First	2,075.70	1,487.88
Mannington	240.00	240.00
Nebo	3,035.30	2,973.05
New Hope	132.00	160.00
New Salem	2,546.29	2,436.56
Nortonville	2,410.96	272.56
Olive Branch	2,868.68	2,840.74
Park Avenue	4,401.71	5,626.48
Pleasant Grove	1,778.60	2,192.36
Pleasant Valley	0.00	0.00
Pleasant View Msnry	865.47	887.67
Pond River	0.00	0.00
Prospect	499.50	320.00
Providence Second	318.15	392.12
Richland	630.00	624.00
Salem	11,029.31	569.84
Madisonville Second	19,057.47	19,307.85
Mortons Gap Second	1,778.95	1,930.47
Silent Run	1,299.90	1,249.81
Slaughters	1,985.00	2,400.00
Slover	604.74	654.54
Southards	1,068.00	1,208.00
Victory	12,197.11	10,210.00
White Plains Msnry	1,128.72	2,177.85
Zion Brick	120.00	120.00
TOTAL	229,314.54	222,167.18

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION		
Bethany	1,726.37	1,380.97
Caldwell Blue Spring	4,461.87	4,032.66
Buffalo Lick	3,839.70	4,132.90
Cadiz	18,647.00	12,950.86
Canton	2,045.43	2,105.61
Cerulean	2,459.98	2,925.37
Delmont	1,571.16	1,278.53
Donaldson Creek	1,546.42	1,829.72
New Jerusalem	50.00	250.00
East Cadiz	3,549.65	5,024.37
Hurricane	7,772.38	6,026.75
Liberty Point	5,171.11	6,120.63
Locust Grove	3,560.55	5,149.38
Maple Grove	1,025.00	1,100.00
New Hope	3,661.38	3,904.80
Oak Grove	4,406.03	5,570.57
Rock Front	175.00	343.76
Rocky Ridge	300.00	450.00
South Union	1,067.24	1,225.16
Trigg County	233.22	397.60
Wallonia	1,910.00	0.00
TOTAL	69,179.49	66,199.64

LOGAN ASSOCIATION		
Antioch	1,814.77	1,978.33
Beechland	2,294.30	2,381.10
Bellview	2,527.42	3,066.83
Britmart	531.75	847.98
Cave Spring	2,390.16	1,887.36
Center	330.00	525.00
Concord	366.51	418.37
Elk Lick	9,249.91	8,557.56
Epley	1,142.94	1,479.63
Green Ridge	1,629.90	1,809.24
Guptons Grove	674.52	680.15
Liberty	8,720.00	6,282.00
Mt Pleasant	13,582.68	14,479.48
Mt Tabor	1,770.00	2,135.00
Muddy River	0.00	100.00
New Cedar Grove	610.67	856.40
New Friendship	3,743.09	2,949.28
New Hope	0.00	2,210.40
Oak Forest	611.59	723.35
Oak Grove	9,519.00	11,965.43
Pleasant Hill	239.90	237.50
TOTAL	59,949.11	65,568.29

LONG RUN ASSOCIATION		
Jefferson St Community at Liberty	789.60	0.00
Fourth Avenue Church for Deaf	0.00	0.00
Arcade	250.00	1,800.00
Ashby Lane	0.00	0.00
Auburndale	6,801.86	4,666.68
Audubon	666.68	333.34
Tabernacle	3,218.77	1,776.54
Bashford Manor	1,084.78	1,248.78
South Watterson Trail	300.00	300.00
Baxter Avenue	1,781.90	1,801.05
Beargrass	0.00	0.00
Beechland	11,893.72	14,108.49
Beechmont	13,455.05	12,714.74
Beechwood	4,121.28	5,700.00
Bethany	5,666.68	5,050.00
Bethel Flock	100.00	40.00
Bethlehem	13,666.21	11,847.48
Broadway	0.00	1,087.66

	CP 92	CP 93
Brooks	1,973.71	1,636.63
Brookview	622.20	757.32
Buechel Park	1,350.00	1,500.00
Carlisle Avenue	15,999.98	16,010.00
Cardinal Hill	2,461.00	1,867.00
Cedar Creek	7,966.16	11,939.04
Chenoweth Park	493.82	482.85
Charlestown Road Mission	0.00	0.00
Chapel Park	2,980.55	3,363.01
Clifton	3,321.51	4,475.65
Clifton Heights	65.67	0.00
Cove	48.83	44.00
Crescent Hill	675.00	1,469.60
Davis Memorial	1,781.13	1,423.97
Deer Park	800.00	5,262.36
East Audubon	1,354.11	987.55
East	1,188.34	644.34
Eastern Gate	1,200.00	1,715.22
Eastern Parkway	990.94	1,276.01
Eastwood First	924.00	947.03
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Eighteenth Street	5,282.08	1,349.95
Elk Creek	1,365.77	813.32
Fairdale First	5,359.88	4,923.52
Fairmount	636.07	696.60
Fairdale	15,183.48	12,771.18
Filipino Mission	0.00	0.00
Fern Creek	2,278.78	301.00
Jeffersonton	3,750.00	5,383.58
Germantown Mission	0.00	0.00
Prospect First	612.50	525.00
Taylorsville First	9,643.79	7,587.17
Middletown First	3,024.26	0.00
Fisherville First	2,250.18	5,322.21
Foster Avenue	2,446.96	2,113.15
Fourth Avenue	540.00	540.00
Franklin Street	355.00	369.00
Garfield Avenue	0.00	0.00
Gethsemane	4,641.59	5,762.88
Grace	399.96	408.30
Green Acres	6,618.05	7,037.32
Cloverleaf	6,838.15	6,474.44
Harmony	1,125.00	1,125.00
Hazlewood	5,874.00	2,857.00
Highland	0.00	600.00
Highland Park Second	127.39	455.46
Highland Park First	9,181.20	9,622.63
Highview	26,250.00	26,250.00
Hillsdale	2,934.82	4,607.74
Hillview	2,000.00	2,000.00
Hopewell	4,213.79	4,271.81
Hurstbourne	25,165.62	31,510.53
Immanuel	918.95	924.60
Hunsinger Lane	2,247.19	2,252.00
Kenwood	1,252.00	1,252.00
Keys Ferry	74.00	0.00
Kings	17,479.53	15,107.04
First Korean	460.00	80.00
Kosmosdale	951.00	951.00
Bicknell Avenue	250.00	200.00
Lake Dreamland	0.00	474.68
Hillcrest	1,036.81	1,066.89
Lees Lane	4,477.00	3,743.00
New Heights	300.00	250.00
Little Flock	10,194.22	0.00
Long Run	50.00	271.88
Lyndon	1,250.00	28,206.75
Louisville Christian Deaf Church	385.69	623.24
Lynn Acres	892.00	1,390.00
Memory Lane	215.48	26.39
Manly Memorial	34.00	75.35
Lakewood	6,232.33	7,279.41
Maple Grove	9,759.85	8,452.24
Melbourne Heights	3,264.45	11,606.26
Meadow Hill	4,344.08	4,511.48
Midlane Park	500.00	0.00
Minors Lane	0.00	668.00
Morningside	25.00	146.00
Mt Hermon	0.00	0.00
Mt Elmira	546.79	896.86
North Forty-Second Street	0.00	0.00
New Hope	0.00	0.00
New Salem	0.00	0.00
Ninth and O	13,664.00	9,905.00
Mt Nebo	0.00	0.00
Oak Grove	121.10	0.00
Oakdale	100.00	0.00
Okolona	0.00	0.00
Ormsby Heights	7,797.94	8,125.00
Parkland	8,355.54	8,810.39
Green Hills	1,350.25	2,150.15
Parkwood	6,345.43	5,231.05
Penile	1,918.30	2,356.03
Pleasant Grove	3,083.40	4,302.37
Plum Creek	4,415.73	4,604.01
Poplar Level	1,375.75	1,188.02
Little Mission	0.00	0.00
Portland Avenue	1,536.08	1,430.06
Ralph Avenue	1,737.23	1,831.64
Ridgeview	118.67	953.00
Ridgewood	2,285.00	0.00
Riverside	0.00	0.00
Rockford Lane	13,445.44	12,173.65
Rutledge Road	3,127.25	3,103.95
Shively	29,130.95	31,658.20
First Southern	658.33	625.20
New Cut Road	952.46	1,012.39
South Jefferson	10,736.00	9,718.00
Yorktown	1,210.40	1,289.90
Southside	6,254.47	7,602.74
St Matthews	992.50	1,551.00
St Matthews Hispanic Mission	748.44	1,241.60
Summitt Hills	3,123.99	2,580.97
Springdale	2,300.00	600.00
Sunnyside	0.00	3,177.93
Shalom	0.00	0.00
Third Avenue	2,436.55	3,386.90
Thixton Lane	750.00	750.00
Valley Station	8,194.88	9,405.78
Valley View	5,695.71	37,401.94
Van Buren	1,424.66	1,452.52
Victory Memorial	1,746.13	1,624.75
Vine Street	1,369.97	1,505.25
Walnut Street	0.00	49,535.07
West Broadway	4,473.37	4,471.66
West End	0.00	0.00
Westport Road	25,551.77	23,476.87
Woodland	5,382.55	5,696.60
Oakland	0.00	0.00
Upper Room	385.31	437.78
TOTAL	525,527.72	635,006.12

LYNN CAMP ASSOCIATION		
Calvary	2,011.10	2,420.97
Candler Ridge	0.00	0.00
Horse Creek	0.00	253.40
Indian Creek	488.00	474.00
Keck	576.01	568.93
Liberty Msnry	191.04	266.48
Lovell Msnry	0.00	0.00
Grays	3,374.12	3,669.13
Lynn Camp	3,931.00	3,519.00
Merrimac	0.00	0.00
Mt Ararat	0.00	0.00
Mt Olivet	175.00	322.00
New Bethel	0.00	0.00
North Corbin	764.99	641.92
Paint Hill	0.00	0.00
Piney Grove	3,117.79	4,101.01
Pleasant Ridge	210.00	210.00
Poplar Grove	452.76	574.59
TOTAL	15,291.81	17,021.43

MCCREARY ASSOCIATION		
Whitley City First	7,961.96	13,283.22
Bethel	898.25	904.30
Pine Knot Southern	611.04	605.98
Greenwood Msnry	0.00	150.00
Hill Top Msnry	246.00	522.00
Marshes Siding First	0.00	0.00
Stearns First	4,787.27	6,770.99
Walkers Chapel	671.12	699.96
TOTAL	15,175.64	22,936.45

MERCER ASSOCIATION		
Benton	649.27	1,441.63
Bethel	4,903.60	6,021.59
Bruners Chapel	23,255.15	20,032.17
Buena Vista	0.00	126.62
Burgin	15,267.71	14,692.11
Faith	300.00	100.00
Calvary	4,965.24	4,243.44
Cornishville	750.00	850.00
Deep Creek	4,190.87	3,537.15
Eller Memorial	4,297.58	3,514.42
Fellowship	4,090.00	4,795.00
Harrodsburg	8,788.33	13,192.69
Hopewell	9,246.13	8,524.19
Kirkwood	3,175.00	3,570.42
Dry Branch	0.00	0.00
Pioneer	3,440.50	2,132.00
Salvea	10,174.03	8,916.67
Shakertown	600.00	600.00
Shawnee Run	3,465.86	3,268.66
TOTAL	101,559.27	99,558.76

MIDDLE FORK ASSOCIATION		
Big Rock Bottom	0.00	0.00
Gays Creek	0.00	0.00
Mt Paran	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00

MONROE ASSOCIATION		
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New Banklick	1,960.83	1,865.49
Oak Island	1,601.50	1,796.74
Oak Ridge	8,907.00	10,112.59
Persimmon Grove	500.00	0.00
Petersburg	125.00	514.55
Piner	200.00	200.00
Pleasant Ridge	4,086.44	1,572.34
Rosedale	1,862.32	1,741.00
Sand Run	2,545.12	3,359.27
Second Twelve Mile	2,555.78	2,579.46
Silver Grove First	472.31	390.50
South Side	1,894.03	1,350.00
Trinity	3,932.99	3,498.74
Union	2,139.00	2,487.00
Victory	558.61	348.59
Visalia	309.00	197.50
West Covington	950.00	1,010.00
Wilmington	2,738.69	3,027.58
Woodhaven	0.00	436.54
TOTAL	358,653.96	370,359.04

NORTH CONCORD ASSOCIATION		
Apple Grove	0.00	0.00
Artemus First	200.00	0.00
Barbourville First	27,667.03	29,766.18
Beech Spring	0.00	0.00
Big Brush Creek	0.00	0.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Centennial	0.00	0.00
Coles Branch	0.00	0.00
Concord	0.00	25.50
Coalport	0.00	0.00
Davis Chapel	0.00	0.00
Dewitt	297.26	346.55
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Springfield	356.33	323.09
Fellowship Msnry	0.00	0.00
Dripping Springs	0.00	0.00
Greasy Creek	30.00	30.00
Green Road	0.00	0.00
Highland Park	4,115.75	4,500.57
East Barbourville	1,290.00	3,389.00
Himyar	0.00	0.00
Horn Branch	0.00	0.00
Liberty	0.00	0.00
Locust Grove	0.00	600.00
Northside	337.00	429.13
Old Flat Lick	0.00	0.00
Pinie Chapel	0.00	0.00
Poplar Grove	0.00	0.00
River	83.00	314.00
Roadside	852.00	924.00
Salem	0.00	0.00
Salt Gum	170.00	114.98
Sinking Valley	0.00	0.00
Swan Pond	2,107.29	1,996.48
Turkey Creek	998.80	927.85
Union Mission Church	0.00	0.00
Walker	0.00	238.00
Warren	0.00	0.00
Young Grove	511.00	551.00
TOTAL	39,015.46	44,476.33

OHIO COUNTY ASSOCIATION		
Adaburg	109.28	171.03
Barnetts Creek	662.74	840.36
Beaver Dam	38,277.61	35,612.44
Bells Run	1,128.70	1,382.35
Centertown	2,604.00	2,460.53
Central Grove	0.00	73.04
Clear Run	1,188.44	1,383.41
Concord	2,120.64	1,250.38
Cool Springs	210.00	210.00
Ridgecrest	1,105.87	855.18
Deanfield	303.51	491.53
Dundee	621.19	731.00
East Fork	470.71	415.95
East Hartford	652.39	0.00
Fairview	367.41	1,037.00
Fordsville	4,922.67	10,381.45
Green River	2,824.46	4,267.47
Hartford	8,269.72	11,322.58
Independence	771.34	659.83
McGrady Creek	352.69	389.24
McHenry	1,751.00	2,163.00
Mt Carmel	7,831.59	10,253.39
Mt Zion	307.00	310.00
Narrows	0.00	0.00
New Panther Creek	415.25	518.61
New Zion Msnry	0.00	0.00
Olaton	306.40	390.50
Pleasant Grove	390.95	407.20
Pleasant Hill	447.78	511.70
Pond Run	2,055.98	2,517.58
Providence	1,274.69	1,251.11
Rockport	349.98	799.98
Rosine Msnry	150.00	30.00
Hartford Second	743.76	809.95
Slaty Creek	1,538.95	1,682.28
Smallhouse	354.07	415.50
Waltons Creek	610.18	553.62
West Point	1,533.96	1,429.86
West Providence	898.67	685.74
Woodwards Valley	0.00	539.14
Zion	4,337.58	4,675.48
TOTAL	92,261.16	103,879.41

OHIO RIVER ASSOCIATION		
Baker	1,083.00	1,125.00
Calvary	374.99	352.17
Birdsville	217.49	207.00
Burna	0.00	150.00
Caldwell Springs	1,220.31	896.13
Carrsville Msnry	313.07	68.93
Cave Springs	140.00	184.00
Central	35.00	90.00
Corinth	250.00	350.00
Crooked Creek	1,011.23	993.28
Deer Creek	3,499.29	3,322.35
Dunn Springs	95.70	0.00
Dycusburg	952.62	938.06
Dyer Hill	2,192.00	2,170.00
Emmanuel	2,751.61	3,563.74
Emmaus	142.05	105.00
Fellowship	643.80	955.93
Friendship	8,973.16	11,378.03
Good Hope	30.00	0.00
Grand Rivers	200.00	750.00
Hampton	1,179.67	1,558.35
Iuka First	1,339.00	615.00
Lake City	2,925.92	3,519.25
Lola	194.78	276.39
Marion	26,749.90	35,711.65
Mexico	12,028.83	12,149.94
Mint Springs	624.00	277.91
Ohio Valley	2,833.00	1,091.00
Old Salem	3,221.94	4,470.08
Pinckneyville	4,129.09	4,658.68

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Repton	757.51	834.25
Salem	18,373.35	17,774.79
Marion Second	1,308.44	932.27
Shady Grove	0.00	0.00
Smithland First	1,200.00	1,725.00
Sugar Creek	1,253.00	1,351.00
Sulphur Springs	410.00	558.00
Tiline First	509.61	455.96
Union	2,191.63	1,978.99
Smithland Second	587.23	854.63
TOTAL	105,942.22	118,392.76

OHIO VALLEY ASSOCIATION		
Bethany	1,168.05	8,535.72
Blackford	102.00	68.00
DeKoven	1,329.35	1,523.57
Clay First	12,860.41	13,403.20
Sturgis First	52,233.76	32,160.97
Grangertown First	5,095.77	6,890.73
Grove Center	479.21	704.42
Mt Olive	194.02	471.24
New Harmony	231.12	359.13
New Hopewell	599.11	522.78
Northside	350.00	352.80
Old Bethel	360.00	360.00
Pride	0.00	1,991.79
Sullivan	2,704.92	3,155.53
Uniontown	1,899.77	2,130.00
Calvary	60.00	30.00
Countryside	4,089.62	3,611.30
Whispering Meadows	0.00	0.00
Woodland	2,152.47	1,236.76
TOTAL	85,909.58	77,507.94

OWEN COUNTY ASSOCIATION		
Beech Grove	885.14	666.40
Caney Fork	262.45	458.53
Cedar Hill	4,517.20	4,312.07
Concord	1,018.00	1,018.00
Dallasburg	4,879.94	5,438.91
Elk Lick	951.23	706.51
Owenton First	24,547.62	27,900.39
Graz	102.00	0.00
Greenup Fork	1,031.00	1,194.00
Harmony	1,367.51	1,083.10
Long Ridge	4,657.44	4,521.00
Lusby Mill	2,609.66	2,804.61
Monterey	1,957.02	3,516.13
Mt Pleasant	1,134.62	1,254.45
Mussel Shoals	55.00	126.92
New Columbus	3,595.31	4,483.56
New Liberty	2,873.37	3,228.04
Old Cedar	589.95	849.39
Mt Zion	0.00	200.00
Pleasant Ridge	2,100.00	2,400.00
Swan Pond	3,249.86	3,960.45
Salem	0.00	0.00
South Fork	3,328.60	3,125.00
Sparta	490.49	546.84
Squiresville	1,667.00	1,882.00
TOTAL	67,870.41	75,676.30

PIKE ASSOCIATION		
Aflex	1,200.00	1,200.00
Belfry First	5,109.71	3,208.98
Brushy Creek Mission	1,110.58	1,564.06
Calvary Southern	2,863.00	1,910.00
Cumberland Mission	0.00	0.00
Faith Mission	1,054.67	1,828.60
Elkhorn City	2,555.49	2,995.60
Faith First	716.43	1,737.96
Jenkins First	2,827.94	3,848.52
Feds Creek	100.00	400.00
Pikeville First	51,781.37	29,540.59
Phelps First	319.70	362.20
Grace	3,313.67	4,299.43
Hellier	120.81	300.20
Immanuel	3,928.01	3,498.77
Island Creek Mission	0.00	0.00
Marrowbone	1,543.00	1,810.00
Meta	5,581.64	4,522.28
Mouthcard	5,028.29	5,423.40
McVeigh	2,571.00	2,712.00
Brushy Creek Mission	0.00	0.00
Forest Hills First	2,849.88	2,288.30
Sidney Msnry	3,636.46	3,804.13
Stone	1,804.77	1,681.94
Sutton	1,138.28	1,903.01
Mayflower Unity	817.96	805.80
Virgie	3,056.84	3,303.37
TOTAL	105,029.50	84,949.14

PINE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION		
Craft Colly	467.04	596.37
Cumberland	500.04	719.00
Deane	1,784.00	1,637.00
Fleming	2,101.13	1,670.15
Haymond	100.00	0.00
Mt Olivet	350.00	875.00
Big Leatherwood First	2,044.00	2,022.00
West Cumberland	177.25	358.66
TOTAL	7,523.46	7,878.18

PULASKI ASSOCIATION		
Acorn	618.53	648.55
Bethany	1,204.00	1,212.00
Bethel	3,613.00	3,577.88
Antioch Shores Chapel	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	3,680.12	3,418.64
Bronston First	1,063.89	1,266.63
Buck Creek	38.80	0.00
Barnesburg	1,752.00	2,269.77
Burnetta	1,537.00	1,773.00
Calvary	4,752.00	5,525.00
Camp Ground	3,186.51	2,908.09
Cedar Point	1,407.00	1,435.00
Clifty Grove	408.00	224.00
Cumberland	261.58	264.30
Buena Vista	3,938.45	4,982.41
Duke Memorial	3,662.98	3,595.14
Denham Street	300.00	300.00
Eden	0.00	218.15
Eubank	2,544.67	2,789.47
Ferguson	4,413.03	4,712.74
Somerset First	85,090.39	111,735.61
Burnside First	447.73	1,060.00
Beacon Hill	43,466.40	28,198.43
Community Mission	809.15	380.31
Fishing Creek	0.00	0.00
Flat Lick	1,623.16	2,036.00
Flat Rock	488.16	464.29
Floyd Switch	452.00	174.00
Glenwood	30.00	90.00
Good Hope	0.00	224.26
Sunrise	536.94	676.19
High Street	13,673.30	14,819.34
Jasper Bend	288.17	430.44
Hopeful	0.00	0.00

	CP 92	CP 93
Immanuel	4,880.55	6,243.77
Jacksonville	0.00	0.00
King Bee	202.96	307.68
Liberty	0.00	130.21
Lakeside Mission	368.69	357.25
Malvin Hill	220.00	540.13
McKinney	180.00	120.00
Mt Pisgah	1,719.36	1,268.47
Neeley's Creek	796.50	640.56
Mt Union	713.00	723.00
Mt Victory	171.70	112.00
Lighthouse Mission	0.00	126.71
New Enterprise	623.00	627.00
Northside	7,493.66	7,866.38
Oak Grove #1	421.43	713.82
Oak Grove #2	350.60	441.00
Okalona	2,237.71	1,700.25
Piney Grove #2	1,077.82	1,177.96
Woodstock	4,711.00	4,647.00
Pleasant Hill	22,725.84	22,311.00
Pleasant Run	1,719.00	1,666.00
Pleasant View	1,762.65	2,581.72
Poplarville	0.00	0.00
Pulaski	722.22	720.46
Quinton	586.06	556.22
Rock Lick	2,942.70	2,046.47
Sinking Valley	357.00	797.00
Slate Branch	1,377.47	1,056.04
Stoans Valley	684.59	1,004.35
Sunnyside	626.61	757.78
TOTAL	244,959.08	262,649.87

RED RIVER ASSOCIATION		
Beattyville	1,695.82	1,607.81
Brush Creek Mission	0.00	0.00
Campton	2,727.00	2,708.51
Little Cane Creek	66.23	89.08
Faith Church	1,585.44	1,891.87
Jackson First	424.55	0.00
Frenchburg	3,220.41	3,414.20
Stanton	4,255.36	4,147.02
West Liberty First	1,705.98	1,584.26
TOTAL	15,680.79	15,442.75

ROCKCASTLE ASSOCIATION		
Brindle Ridge	0.00	0.00
Brodhead	4,733.48	3,959.99
Clear Creek	0.00	0.00
Conway	0.00	23.63
Copper Creek Southern Msnry	63.47	45.34
Faith	155.03	1,799.15
Mt Vernon First	11,528.46	15,279.80
Flat Rock	150.00	150.00
Freedom	1,531.00	1,560.00
Livingston	283.56	311.19
Macedonia	0.00	0.00
Mareburg	1,252.00	1,241.00
Mt Pleasant	1,260.00	1,530.00
Mt Zion	296.00	270.00
Northside	2,642.16	2,322.18
Ottawa		

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	CP 92	CP 93
Clay Hill Msnry	0.00	25.00
Fairview Msnry	0.00	0.00
High Cliff	172.75	188.66
Kentucky Hill	240.00	240.00
Jellico Creek	0.00	0.00
Mountain Ash	0.00	0.00
North End	0.00	0.00
Oswego Msnry	300.00	300.00
Patterson Creek	30.00	0.00
Piney Grove	130.00	100.00
Pleasant Hill	335.53	345.00
Red Bird	270.15	240.69
Ryans Creek	112.70	183.29
Tannery Hollow	360.00	360.00
Wolf Creek	646.79	487.84
Youngs Creek	0.00	96.77
TOTAL	2,666.72	2,599.15

SULPHUR FORK ASSOCIATION		
Antioch	0.00	0.00
Ballardsville	7,441.24	10,306.00
Bedford	3,800.00	3,600.00
Buckner	2,928.46	3,890.74
Corn Creek	395.24	0.00
Covington	309.26	516.68
Crestwood	16,744.09	24,745.95
DeHaven Memorial	19,685.67	20,520.48
Eighteen Mile	166.29	141.50
Harros Creek	0.00	0.00
LaGrange Heights	0.00	1,105.50
Liberty	631.78	0.00
Milton	2,551.82	3,185.38
Pleasant View	0.00	0.00
Poplar Ridge	0.00	0.00
Providence	1,673.71	1,394.24
Rolling Hills Mission	0.00	0.00
Sligo	4,357.23	4,151.88
Union Grove	316.00	263.00
Westport	4,495.53	4,450.00
TOTAL	65,496.32	78,271.35

TATES CREEK ASSOCIATION		
Berea	15,122.30	20,399.60
Bethel	987.34	961.06
Bethlehem	600.00	600.00
Blue Lick	178.75	226.45
Broadway	1,146.00	924.00
Calvary	518.00	242.00
Clarksville	0.00	0.00
Crossroads Mission	0.00	0.00
Eastside Bethel	1,270.29	1,975.70
Emmanuel	2,706.22	2,644.16
Unity	742.26	846.62
Richmond First	49,418.73	46,023.89
Freedom	602.30	584.63
Galilee	990.36	908.27
Gilberts Creek	225.00	100.00
Gilead	90.00	90.00
Gethsemane	1,590.00	2,006.00
Good Hope	1,258.70	704.16
Harris Memorial	55.00	521.00
Hays Fork	2,736.20	2,100.36
Kirksville	6,520.60	6,090.75
Knob Lick	200.70	277.35
Liberty Avenue	1,823.63	2,060.70
Liberty	60.00	60.00
Linden Street	0.00	0.00
Middletown	2,063.25	2,210.77
Mt Tabor	3,197.85	2,939.25
Peytontown	202.01	574.48
Pilot Knob Msnry	270.00	135.00
Red House	9,541.40	10,165.02
Rosedale	7,721.03	8,018.63
Upper Silver Creek	2,729.84	2,678.45
Red Lick	60.00	60.00
Stoney Run	0.00	0.00
Owsley Fork	658.00	1,184.00
Tates Creek	1,863.56	1,938.31
Union City	3,702.94	4,025.91
Valley View	30.00	30.00
Viney Fork	1,102.05	1,024.44
Waco	11,278.00	12,821.63
Wallacetown	2,913.25	1,989.51
Westside	2,083.77	1,886.17
White Hall Mission	0.00	69.37
White Lick	2,130.52	2,309.07
TOTAL	140,539.85	144,556.71

TAYLOR COUNTY ASSOCIATION		
Campbellsville	73,229.31	79,979.37
Acton	1,052.18	0.00
Eastside	192.00	275.00
Elkhorn	13,699.20	12,723.40
Fairview	450.03	468.02
Friendship	3,123.00	2,597.00
Good Hope	8,533.67	9,609.31
Green River Memorial	5,648.05	6,374.16
Liberty	1,713.40	1,742.10
Meadowview	1,212.00	1,183.11
Mt Gilboa	4,011.63	2,718.53
Palestine	13,852.38	14,984.67
Pitman Valley	110.00	100.00
Pleasant Hill	15,488.59	20,101.42
Robinson Creek	10,487.46	5,593.37
Raikes Hill Mission	399.00	150.00
South Campbellsville	3,533.29	4,225.83
Salem	4,970.99	6,204.96
Saloma	2,038.57	1,788.49
Lowell Avenue	7,838.85	9,220.88
Yuma	869.64	998.59
TOTAL	172,453.24	181,038.21

TEN MILE ASSOCIATION		
Clarks Creek	88.96	0.00
Concord	0.00	0.00
Elliston	708.81	484.95
Glencoe	3,615.06	4,194.17
Macedonia	6,558.59	5,497.57
Mt Zion	2,118.67	2,056.40
New Bethel	3,856.38	7,676.85
Oakland	728.82	1,141.37
Paint Lick	4,052.76	3,675.23
Pleasant Home	4,367.38	5,194.02
Crane Creek	0.00	0.00
Poplar Grove	1,313.00	1,395.00
Stewartsville	693.99	637.68
Ten Mile	3,855.61	4,591.45
Vine Run	5,865.70	5,491.92
Warsaw	6,215.00	5,475.00
TOTAL	44,038.73	47,839.61

THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION		
Airport Gardens	1,050.00	175.00
Berean	100.00	120.00
Big Creek	5,239.84	5,546.30
Bluegrass	0.00	0.00
Blackey	120.00	0.00

	CP 92	CP 93
Caney	630.11	537.10
Colson Mission	0.00	0.00
Confluence	0.00	0.00
Dwarf	140.00	120.00
Emmanuel	4,579.61	3,266.00
Eolia Mission	0.00	0.00
Combs First	0.00	0.00
Hazard First	18,049.11	18,505.78
Hindman First	10,907.80	9,725.25
Wooton First	0.00	328.00
First Creek	611.55	944.52
Hardburly	0.00	0.00
Hyden	1,750.03	2,285.74
Jeremiah Msnry	0.00	0.00
Linefork Mission	0.00	0.00
Lone Pine	429.40	250.00
Lothair	822.50	2,281.68
McIntosh Chapel	0.00	0.00
Montgomery	2,102.69	2,106.64
Mousie First	321.05	204.62
Muncy Creek	399.35	438.00
Premium	2,028.00	1,731.00
Petry Memorial	3,646.21	3,887.63
Red Hill Msnry	0.00	0.00
Jeff Msnry	89.00	768.00
Rockhouse	842.53	961.04
Caney Mission	0.00	0.00
Upper Second Creek	466.91	511.06
Short Creek Mission	0.00	0.00
Smithsboro	5,773.05	5,723.21
Typo	150.00	0.00
Victo	0.00	0.00
Whitesburg First	17,782.91	17,514.59
Yerkes	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	78,031.65	77,931.16

UNION ASSOCIATION		
Beaver	1,958.58	2,002.28
Berlin	292.38	351.25
Berry	160.38	0.00
Blanket Creek	1,165.99	2,403.20
Butler	1,356.55	1,100.90
Cynthiana	16,893.78	20,940.95
Fairview	0.00	0.00
Falmouth	4,898.71	5,624.47
Forest Hill	0.00	0.00
Lenoxburg	0.00	0.00
New Zion	120.00	120.00
Oakwood	0.00	200.00
Powersville	1,020.00	1,020.00
Richland	0.00	0.00
Union	874.00	674.00
Willow	1,120.73	552.65
TOTAL	29,861.10	34,989.70

UPPER CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION		
Ages	382.29	0.00
Black Mountain	134.97	126.34
Brittians Creek Msnry	0.00	0.00
Calvary	1,200.00	1,000.00
Central	5,128.27	5,624.87
Chevrolet	450.48	439.44
Closplint Msnry	300.00	300.00
Cloverfork	300.00	300.00
Coxton	125.00	120.00
Dione	2,083.00	2,052.00
Elcomb	1,576.13	1,537.45
Evarts	2,871.02	3,173.96
Baxter First	804.78	851.97
Loyall First	8,496.66	8,649.92
Verda First	0.00	0.00
Friendship	632.52	753.53
Harlan	20,870.34	21,098.63
Huff Settlement	116.54	139.98
Jones Creek	6.00	13.47
Kelly Street	1,137.95	1,424.99
Lenarue	380.51	416.22
Liggett	190.65	294.82
Locust Grove Msnry	175.00	250.00
Lynch	300.00	300.00
New Riverside	0.00	0.00
North Evarts	0.00	0.00
Pansy	1,023.33	1,034.10
Pine Flat	0.00	0.00
Putney Msnry	232.36	462.33
Red Bud Msnry	0.00	0.00
River Ridge Msnry	0.00	0.00
Riverside	190.00	238.51
Sunshine	1,406.23	1,398.58
Teetersville	4,115.71	4,965.97
Totz	1,418.59	1,678.46
Turner Msnry	0.00	0.00
Wallins	909.10	917.86
Willow Grove	0.00	0.00
Yocum Creek	339.81	101.00
TOTAL	57,291.24	59,654.70

WARREN ASSOCIATION		
Andrew	0.00	100.00
Barren River	2,112.57	938.42
Bethany	2,825.29	2,236.93
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Burton Memorial	3,345.36	3,506.53
Calvary	5,483.46	5,647.77
Cedar Bluff	288.90	273.64
Brownsville	3,000.00	3,000.00
Clear Fork	3,233.48	3,407.28
Dedicated	214.67	219.82
Eastwood	49,550.26	31,380.15
Emmanuel Chapel	0.00	0.00
Bowling Green First	1,098.76	26,654.61
Forest Park	8,512.66	9,235.06
Friendship	764.15	730.37
Glen Lily	1,294.23	1,022.30
Glendale	771.72	849.06
Greenwood	12,492.77	8,262.40
Hall Chapel	0.00	0.00
Highland	168.30	187.26
Hillvue Heights	1,630.30	1,338.77
Iva	0.00	0.00
Jackson Grove	475.85	457.97
Hillview	30.00	60.00
Lawrence Chapel	0.00	0.00
Living Hope	32,833.59	31,788.46
New Gasper	169.75	400.00
Martinsville Msnry	0.00	0.00
Meadow Land	2,299.58	1,590.52
Oak Forest Msnry	737.90	636.07
Oak Forest Chapel	25.00	0.00
Oakland	5,396.87	4,227.69
Plano	1,084.47	1,080.00
Riverview Msnry	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	66.73	46.87
Plum Springs	0.00	0.00
Providence Knob	4,774.89	4,562.99
Rich Pond	11,788.47	12,287.68
Richardsville	262.16	428.00
Rocky Springs	795.85	669.58

	CP 92	CP 93
Smiths Grove	4,160.32	4,452.52
White Stone Quarry	341.00	367.00
Woodburn	3,500.00	5,300.00
TOTAL	165,029.31	167,340.72

WAYNE COUNTY ASSOCIATION		
Big Sinking	324.25	0.00
Cedar Hill	0.00	0.00
Concord	0.00	0.00
Cooper	270.00	405.00
Elk Spring Valley	4,169.00	3,333.00
Gap Creek	577.00	569.00
Green Hill	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	150.00	150.00
Lower Turkey Creek	0.00	0.00
Meadow Creek	150.00	150.00
Missouri Hollow	0.00	0.00
Monticello First	9,300.00	9,300.00
Mt Zion	2,438.00	2,928.00
New Charity	225.00	225.00
New Salem	1,327.00	1,123.00
Newtown	585.00	744.00
Oak Grove	240.00	260.00
Parmleys Grove	0.00	0.00
Rectors Flat	250.00	250.00
Sandusky Chapel	750.00	500.00
South Main Msnry	0.00	0.00
Spann Hill	85.07	86.67
Steubenville	1,974.78	2,517.20
Zion	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	22,815.10	22,540.87

WEST KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION		
Antioch	588.14	687.98
Bardwell	15,155.81	18,426.57
Cayce	900.00	900.00
Burkley	400.00	0.00
Bethlehem	7,384.74	8,315.20
Beulah	6,000.00	6,502.00
Crutchfield	914.93	968.08
Columbus	1,887.68	2,248.33
Dauids Chapel Church	0.00	0.00
East Hickman	220.00	280.00
Arlington First	2,916.55	2,083.25
Clinton First	12,141.96	16,443.21
Hopewell	56.26	65.50
Fulton First	21,371.62	23,164.20
Kirbyton	809.58	827.11
Hickman First	2,692.00	2,165.00
Green Valley Msnry	0.00	0.00
Milburn	1,937.36	1,837.61
Mississippi	7,927.82	7,526.12
Liberty	1,200.00	1,200.00
Moscow	2,727.31	4,376.30
Mt Moriah	3.00	0.00
New Bethel	3,126.00	1,977.00
New Harmony	500.00	0.00
New Hope	0.00	0.00
Mt Carmel	450.00	450.00
Oak Grove	545.55	481.92
Oakton	250	

SENIOR ADULTS

20,000 senior adults gather for second convention

ATLANTA (BP)—Packing about half of the 40,000-seat new Georgia Dome in Atlanta, senior adults received practical and inspirational helps during a three-day convention, April 26-28.

The four general sessions at the national Southern Baptist Senior Adult Convention offered the 20,000 senior adults from 31 states musical entertainment, preaching, drama and Bible study.

An exhibit area with about 36 exhibits, including a convention bookstore provided by Baptist Book Stores and Lifeway Christian Stores, also was available for senior adults at the Georgia Dome.

The theme of the second-ever national convention, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board discipleship and family development division, was "Senior Adults Making a Difference."

The first senior adult convention was held in 1987 in Fort Worth.

Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Atlanta, told senior adults they cannot make a difference in their churches, homes or communities until they know what it means to be "in Christ."

"Being in Christ means having a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ must be our very life, not just our Savior and Lord," he said.

Stanley said the vast amount of spiritual resources Christian senior

adults could offer is "awesome."

"The awesome potential of people our age is absolutely indescribable," he said.

Meanwhile, TV personality Art Linkletter told Southern Baptist senior adults the key to a quality life is deep faith in God.

"Faith in God will make life more meaningful," said Linkletter, who is 80. "The closer you get to eternity the more you need something to believe in."

Leading the Bible study each session, Brian Harbour, pastor of First Baptist Church in Richardson, Texas, preached about the only grandmother cited in the Bible. Quoting from 2 Timothy, Harbour said a woman called Lois modeled the qualities of grandparenting.

"The greatest sin today is that we have relegated to other institutions what can only be done in the home," Harbour said. When Christian grandparents teach and live their faith, grandchildren often become Christians, he added.

Irene Endicott, a writer and speaker from Hansville, Wash., agreed that grandparents can "make a difference for Christ in their own grandchildren's lives. We can be refuges for our grandchildren who are in distress" because of divorces, remarriages, abuse and wrecked home lives, she said. "And we can do it simply by modeling the Christ we love so much."

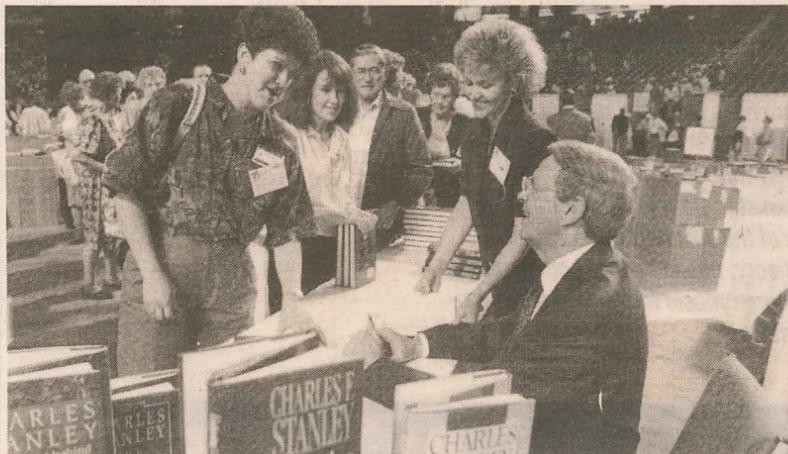


Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss., brought the closing messages at the convention. His emphasis was on the church and how it proclaims "victory in Jesus."

Pollard pointed out three ways in which Jesus brings victory—over sin, over time and over life.

"The great word," Pollard said, "is not that we're sinners, but that God did something about it."

SINGALONG Cynthia Clawson sings with her grandmother, Willie Patrick of Conroe, Texas, during the second Senior Adult Convention held in Atlanta April 26-28. Clawson, who is known among Southern Baptists as a hymn singer, presented music from her latest work, "Blessed Assurance—Songs My Grandmother Taught Me." (BP photo by Jim Veneman)



SENIOR ADULTS ■ **Top:** Charles Stanley of First Baptist Church in Atlanta autographs books. ■ **Right:** Eileen Kaneubbe of Phoenix leans close for a private thought and autograph from Art Linkletter. ■ **Bottom left:** Mature Living editor Al Shackelford honors Myrtle Wilgis of St. Augustine, Fla., as "Senior Adult of the Year." ■ **Middle left:** Roy and Myrtle Ferris of Bardstown Baptist Church in Bardstown examine materials at the Brotherhood Commission's booth. (BP photos by Jim Veneman)

Exercise & volunteer, Linkletter advises

ATLANTA (BP)—This year Art Linkletter celebrates the 30th anniversary of his 50th birthday.

"I'm a young man," said the pioneer of radio and television talk shows. Linkletter was a featured speaker at the 1993 Southern Baptist Senior Adult Convention in Atlanta April 26-28.

For Americans who remember his long-running TV shows, "People Are Funny" and "House Party," Linkletter is an American institution. A humble beginning magnifies the accomplishments.

Born in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, Linkletter was an orphan. A traveling Baptist lay preacher, Fulton Linkletter, and his wife learned of the abandoned child while preaching in Canada. They later adopted him.

Linkletter often went with his father on "evangelistic forays" and vividly recalls playing the triangle during street corner services.

As his career unfolded in radio and TV, Linkletter became "less attentive to his beliefs." But a personal tragedy brought him back to the roots of his faith. His daughter, Diane, died of a drug overdose 25 years ago.

Linkletter is quick to share the lessons he learned then.

"Don't blame yourself," Linkletter advises parents whose children suffer tragedy. "You cannot protect your child from the potholes of life, though you should try to prepare them (for life's hardships).

"One thing losing a child does is make you much more loving of others," he said. "Don't delay telling others you love them."

Recall the good times, Linkletter tells grieving parents. "You wouldn't give up the good times just to avoid the grief, would you?"

The lessons of life Linkletter shares reinforces what he believes is his calling: speaking, teaching and preaching.

"Show business was a detour that took up most of my life," he mused.

After Diane's death, Linkletter became a spokesman against drug abuse. His work in drug abuse prevention and education led him to understand that a major cause of drug abuse is poor self-esteem. This led to motivational speaking that affirms the worth of individuals. More recently, he has become an advocate and spokesman for senior adults, calling himself a messenger for positive aging.

The concern for senior adults ties back to his drug abuse campaigns. A growing number of senior adults are fighting depression with alcohol, Linkletter said.

Volunteerism is a major defense against depression, he said. And a "free prescription" to cure most common ailments is exercise.

Coupled with faith, an active lifestyle committed to serving others will ward off depression while building one's sense of worth, Linkletter said.

CLEAR CREEK

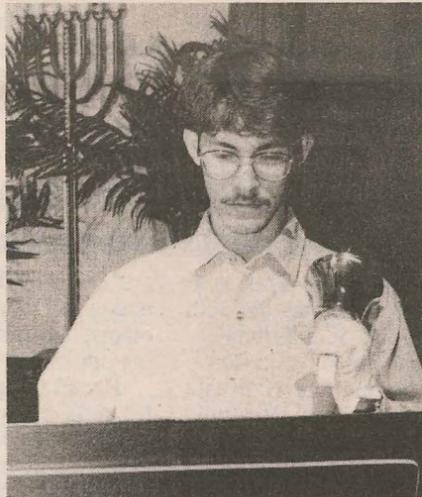
The Sound of Music at Clear Creek



Clear Creek Singers in front of Kelly Hall (left to right) ■ Front row: Dawn Skeans (KY), Kris Garris (OH), Laura Collett (OH), Laura Dean (TN), Georgia Carl (OH), Amanda Richmond (KY), Amanda Little (MI), Linda Dillman (OH), Tina Murdock (AR). ■ Back row: Dr. James Castlen (KY), Eric Snyder (OK), Marty Roberts (GA), Scott Lenox (AR), Gary Carl (OH), Chris Tannreuther (OH).

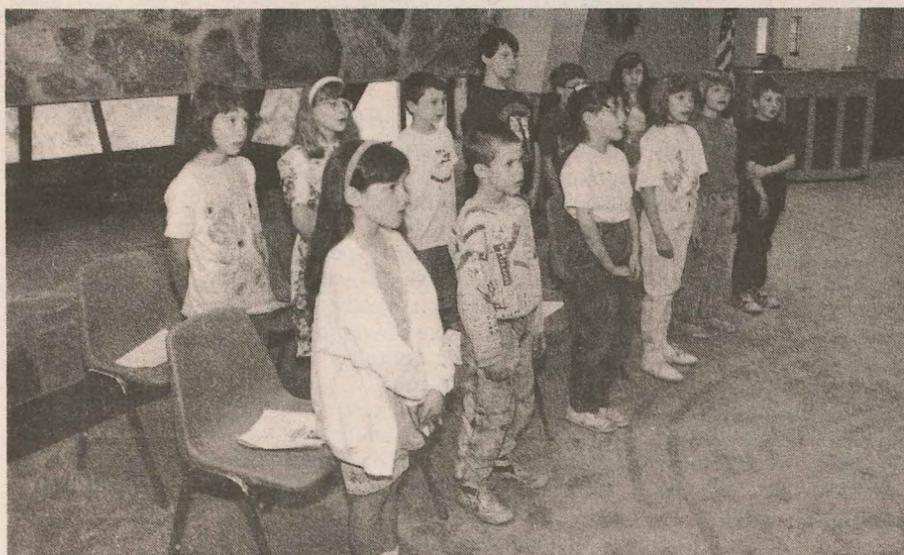


Miss Tina Murdock joined the Clear Creek music faculty in the fall of 1992 and teaches piano, theory, music education and accompanies the Singers. Her educational background includes the BSEd in music and English from Oachita University and the MM in piano pedagogy from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to coming to Clear Creek she taught high school music and English and served as a missionary journeyman on a two-year music assignment in Singapore.



Scott Lenox

Studies in our music track are designed to prepare the student to serve as a minister of music in the local church. The graduate of this program (130 hours total with 50 in the music major) should be able to plan and lead worship services, congregational singing, instrumental programs and graded choirs in a church. Music students also are equipped to assist the pastoral and educational ministries of the church. Thus the program provides balanced, quality training for the full-time minister of music, minister of music combined with other ministries or the bivocational minister. Courses in the track are representative of the six areas of music discipline: music theory, music history and literature, conducting, church music ministry, applied music and ensembles.



Children of students and faculty have opportunities to learn of God and music through our lab choir which is team-led by music students under faculty supervision. Since many smaller churches served by our students do not have a children's choir ministry, our campus children's choir is an invaluable opportunity for musical and spiritual growth.



Dr. James Castlen has been on Clear Creek's faculty since the fall of 1990, having served as a music missionary for 20 years with the Foreign Mission Board in the Philippines and Australia. He also was music minister in Kentucky, Alabama, Texas and Louisiana. Dr. Castlen attended Berea College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Southwestern Seminary and Southern Seminary. He teaches voice, conducting and music ministry along with conducting the Singers and Handbell Ensemble.